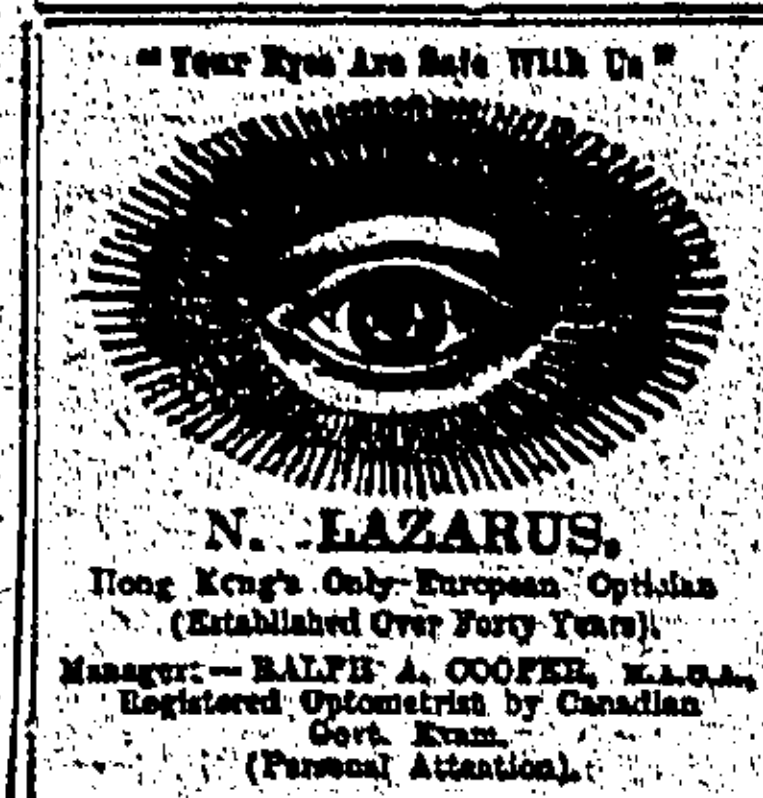


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ENGLISHMAN'S ADVENTURES.

AERONAUTICAL ADVISER TO THE "YOUNG GENERAL."

[BY CAPT. TALBOT-LEHMANN,
who recently returned to England
from China after serving as aero-
nautical adviser to Marshal Chang
Hsiao Liang, son of Chang
Tao Lin.]

After a year in troubled China, it is a relief to walk, eat, and sleep without being haunted by the fear of a firing squad and a rapid end to a brief life.

Yet, with its many disadvantages, the interest attaching to my work as aeronautical adviser to Marshal Chang Hsiao Liang, son of Marshal Chang Tao Lin, has brought me back to England with a wiser and wider outlook.

Early in 1927 I landed in Tientsin. Following a fortnight's stay at Mukden, investigating conditions at the headquarters of the Northern Air Force, I started out in April on a month's tour of inspection with Marshal Chang Hsiao Liang in his special train.

Six Bands and As Many Tunes.
We had a fine send-off from Peking, the station being guarded by three regiments with fixed bayonets, automatic rifles, machine guns, and the formidable array of pistols that are part of every soldier's equipment.

An awe-inspiring scene was, however, rendered humorous by the fact that six bands insisted on playing six different tunes at the same time. Henceforth as the train rode through the night our sleep was disturbed as we stopped or passed through wayside stations by the blaring bugles and bandmen as assembled to honour the young marshal.

Life Dirt Cheap.
On arrival at Chengchow Marshal Chang and his staff were whisked off in closely guarded cars to their headquarters. From there, every three days or so, we visited the front, where I realised to what misery and chaos China had been reduced by civil war.

The railways were blocked by the special trains commanded by generals to fulfil their immediate needs, regardless of the necessity of transporting food for the troops and the half-starving population. Prisoners all came in looking dejected, and no doubt they had cause to be, for they would soon be faced with hunger or an early forced enlistment into their captors' army. The wounded, in a filthy condition, received but scant attention and were often left on their stretchers to spend the night in the open. Life was held dirt cheap, the dead and dying being left on the battlefield to their fate.

Chang Tsung Chang and His

Later we proceeded down the Lung-hai railway through Kaifeng, the historical capital of Honan, to visit Chang Tsung Chang, the Toupan of Shantung. When our day's work was completed we were entertained by him and his fifty concubines, not to mention many young girls of alluring beauty. His armoured trains are entirely manned by White Russians, who are also to be found in his army and personal guard.

After several days spent mostly in feasting, gambling, and snatching, we continued our return journey to Peking.

A period of rest and reorganisation in Peking followed, as both sides did not seem anxious to continue fighting through the hot weather. Discomfort and danger were, however, to be my ultimate fate.

Hostilities were renewed at the end of October, when Yen Shi Shian, the governor of Shantung, joined forces with Feng Yu-hsiang, the Christian general, and attacked the Northern Army, which had in the meantime retreated to Peking.

EARL'S BROTHER AS PUBLICAN.

LICENSEE OF ANCIENT TAVERN.

MAJOR MANAGER.

Major the Hon. Henry Lygon, brother of Earl Beauchamp, is now "mine host" of the Hand and Shears, a picturesque 300-year-old tavern in the historic Cloth Fair, Smithfield.

The licence of this ancient inn was granted to Major Lygon at the Guildhall a last month.

The manager of the Hand and Shears is an old soldier, Major Holland, who has spent a lifetime in the Army. He was shot through the eye at Gallipoli. He began his Army career at the age of seventeen, and was an acting colonel in the great war.

Market porters, salesmen, and railwaymen who have made the Hand and Shears their headquarters for years are "ticked" at the idea of a man who once held acting rank as colonel drawing their mid-day beer. They have already begun to call him "Major."

Major Lygon said to a *Daily Express* representative: "The ordinary type of public house is nothing less than a drink den. I shall make this historic tavern a place where a man can take his wife and where he can always depend on a good square meal."

SWIM WITH SHARKS FOR SCIENCE.

NOTED HUNTER'S TEST WITH MAN-EATERS.

New York, Feb. 17th.
Mr. Van Campen Heller, a famous big-game hunter, an authority on deep-sea fishes, and one of the field representatives of the American Museum of Natural History, is among the passengers aboard the Munsen liner Manago, which sails to-day for the Bahamas.

He intends to swim in shark-infested waters, in order to discover which sharks really attack human beings and their methods in offence and defence.

A cinema operator will be located in a glass-bottomed boat in order to film the experiments for scientific analysis.

Mr. Heller stated in an interview, "I hope that my investigations will prove that only white sharks and the barracuda attack swimmers, and that the tiger shark is not dangerous. I will swim among these so-called man-eaters, and the cinema operator will register what happens."

The swimmer will carry a dagger.

Disagreement With Employer—And

The Result.

I had hardly been at Pao-tung for more than a day or so, when I was asked to make a reconnaissance and drop bombs over the enemy lines. As this was quite contrary to the terms of my engagement, and as my views, apart from interest in aeronautics, were strictly neutral, I refused to comply with the request. The following day I received a written order signed by Marshal Chang Hsiao Liang himself. I was unable to obtain an interview in which to explain my views and without further chance of argument I was told that I was a prisoner. For several hours I was confronted with death; the colonel sent to guard me warned me to carry out the order lest I should be shot—which was far from reassuring after the many brutalities and executions without previous trial that I had witnessed.

A squad armed with automatic rifles was paraded for my benefit. After 23 days of detention and negotiations and the prospect of an early departure from this world, cut off as I was in the centre of China from other white people, I was allowed to return to Peking.

But even then I knew that I was not out of danger. Secret information was given me by several Chinese friends to the effect that I was to be quietly and discreetly disposed of, as I had made no acknowledgment of "saying the face" of the son of the Dictator of Northern China.

That is why I said it is not unpleasant to walk once more the soil of England.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

St. Patrick's Day.
Yachting: "Tai Yat" Cups (sailing yachts).
Managerie Race, 2.40 p.m. for other yachts.

Second Extra Race Meeting H.K. Jockey Club Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. v. Army; C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. Cragston; H.K.C.C. 1st XI. v. R.G.A.; University 2nd XI. v. Royal Engineers; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.A.O.C. 2nd XI. v. R.A.O.C.

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

"Cheer O" dance 7.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "My Best Girl."
World Theatre: "The Understanding Heart."
Star Theatre: "The Sap."

Sunday.

4th Sunday in Lent.
In the Cathedral at Evensong the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., on "God in the form of a man."
In St. Peter's at Matins the Rev. N. Evans, M.A., on "Christ, the source of forgiveness."
Scottish Company (H.K.D.C.) triangular shoot v. 2nd Scots Guards, and 2nd K.O.S.B.

Fanning Hunt: Meet of bounds at Wan Ma, Chinese Territory, 8.30 a.m.
Yachting: Club v. Ladies.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."
World Theatre: "Tumbling River."
Star Theatre: "The Small Batchelor."

Monday.

St. Peter's Young Men Debate "Labour devices increase laziness."
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Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. H.K.S.R.A. at King's Park, 5 p.m.
Entries close at noon for Fanning Hunt Steeplechase on Saturday, March 31st.
Annual Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club, 8 p.m.
Ordinary Weekly Meeting Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. at 2 Queen's Building (noon).

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

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Wednesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 1st XI. v. Queen's Regiment U.S.R.C. ground, 5.15 p.m.
Fanning Hunt: Meet Mr. de Souza's Bungalow, 2.45.
38th Ordinary annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., St. George's Building at noon.
Farewell dinner to Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chinese Merchants Club.
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Star Theatre: "Hold that Lion."

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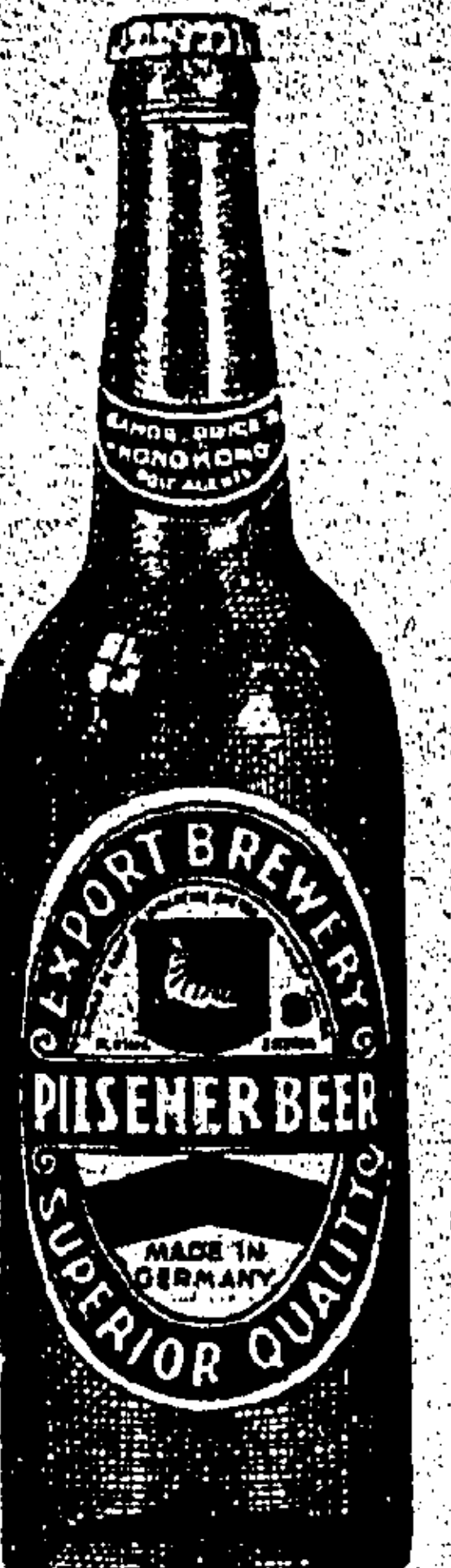
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BRIDGE ETIQUETTE FOR BEGINNERS.

MINOR RULES WRONG-
FULLY IGNORED.

[By LADY FLORA HASTINGS.]

During a "friendly" game of bridge certain minor rulings and points of etiquette are often ignored. This is a pity, because it gets one into slack habits, for which one suffers when meeting strict players. Sometimes if experienced players are playing with beginners they waive these rules and points of etiquette, thinking that by so doing they are simplifying the game. This, however, is a very mistaken kindness, for, should the beginners be invited to accompany a friend to a club or to a bridge "afternoon" where strict bridge is adhered to, they will become terribly confused and, being upset by having made mistakes in etiquette, their play will probably suffer accordingly.

The "Post Mortem"
Some players consider a "post mortem" on a game a great trial. This is a wrong view to take, for, provided it is carried on in a friendly spirit, it can be extremely instructive. I have not found that beginners dislike a discussion of the play. Frequently, in fact, I have been asked, "Partner, should I have done so and so?" A "post mortem" certainly is not a breach of etiquette.

When A Re-deal Is Essential.
The rule that if the dealer accidentally exposes a card the hand must be re-dealt is one that should be insisted upon. The knowledge of the whereabouts of the exposed card quite often will influence the game, and particularly is that the case if the card should be a trump. The other night I was dealing and found there was one card short. The missing card was discovered face downwards under the table, where it evidently had been dropped by the player who made the cards, and I insisted upon a re-deal.

Why All Players Should Keep The Score.
It is very necessary that all four players should score, but this is a point that is frequently waived in a friendly game. The score plays such an important part, and if a player, who is not scoring, asks, "What is the score, partner?" and then calls or doubles, his query will have given a hint concerning the hand he holds to his opponents.

While discussing scoring, I must stress the wisdom of putting down separately each item scored. Cancelling may be the quicker method, but with this system it is impossible to trace any error should the scores disagree when totalling the rubber.

Points Concerning Calling.
I have heard players, when calling, say "hearts" or "spades." This is no call—they must say "one heart" or whatever the number is they wish to call. "Pass" is frequently substituted for the correct call of "no bid." The former is apt to be mistaken for "heart." If either of the declarer's adversaries lead out of turn, the declarer can call a suit from the adversary who next has the lead, or he may treat the card led as an exposed card. Should the declarer lead out of turn, either from his own hand or dummy, he incurs no penalty, but he may not rectify the error unless called upon to do so.

Cutting the Cards.
In cutting the cards the ace is low. The players who cut the lowest cards have choice of seats and of the cards they will play. Some players, I have met, are very superstitious about choosing where they will sit, and if the table is a folding one they invariably choose the side the hinges are placed, considering this the "lucky" side. Also, if the packs used are blue and red, I notice they will most frequently choose the blue pack, as this shade is supposed to be the gambler's lucky colour! This, however, is neither etiquette nor my personal opinion!

Questions About Play.
If you happen to have missed the play for a moment, and are not sure which card your partner has played, it is not permitted to say, "Is that your ace, partner?" or "Is it our trick?" It is only permissible to say, "Will you draw your cards?" Then each player will draw out the card he has played. If a player has played a winning card, he is not allowed to begin to draw a second card from his hand until all four cards of the trick have been played. The act of drawing a second card clearly indicates to his partner that he expects and desires to have the lead again.

Stacking Tricks.
All tricks should be arranged so that they can be easily counted. Many players make a stack of "boob" tricks, when they have made the trick, but this is not permitted by etiquette.

MURDER IN A BANK.

DURHAM CASHIER STABBED
AND ROBBED.

HUNT FOR TAIL-MAN IN OLD
CAR.

London, Feb. 17th.
A paper weight crashing through the window of Lloyds branch bank at Ferryhill, Durham, startled passers-by. People rushed inside and found the clerk in charge on the point of death with a knife wound in his neck.

"A tall man did it," was his dying exclamation. Close by was a cobbler's knife with a black handle, bearing the words "Made in U.S.A. South Bridge, Mass."

The murdered man was William Bayland Abbey, aged 31. A sum of £300 in 2 notes was missing. Several people when the crash occurred at closing time, 3 p.m., saw a man run from the bank and enter a waiting motor-car. He turned the car round and drove off quickly in a northerly direction, almost hitting a shop window in his haste.

The assumption is that the paper-weight was thrown by Abbey to attract attention before the fatal blow was struck.

Police Hunt For Car.
The police last night were engaged in a wide search for a man in a chocolate coloured motor-car of an old make.

In a statement asking for information they describe the man as 5ft. 6in. or 5ft. 10in. in height, aged about 30, clean shaven, wearing a light brown suit, the jacket of which is believed to be double-breasted, with collar and tie and black boots. He was carrying a light or brown mackintosh.

The statement also refers to an old Rover car, which was standing in Ferryhill village from 11.30 a.m. till 3 p.m., when the man was seen to enter the car in a hurry, reverse quickly, and drive away in the direction of Durham. The statement adds:

"The car is of an old type with a dicky seat and black hood and appears to have been repainted brown or chocolate over a dark colour. The repainting did not appear to have been done by an expert. The car bears the name 'Rover' on the bonnet, and has two heavy brass lamps in front."

Mr. Abbey was a single man and lived at Ferryhill. His widowed mother lives in Gilegate, Durham. He was a member of the cathedral choir for several years and for some time he was organist at several local churches.

RUSSIAN'S STRANGE DEATH.

SUSPECTED SUICIDE WITH
PISTOL WOUND IN BACK.

SHANGHAI MYSTERY.

SHANGHAI, March 12th.
Considerable mystery attaches itself to the death of M. Nechvedoff, a Russian, who had been employed as a bodyguard by a wealthy Chinese, living at 4 Jessfield Road, Shanghai. Between 4 and 5 a.m., yesterday, his body with life almost extinct, was found in his room in the servants' quarters. A bullet had entered the back on the right side and had penetrated the heart, emerging from the left breast. Decayed's pistol, which had been used by the police, lay on the floor alongside the bed.

M. Nechvedoff had retired as usual on Saturday in his quarters, which are the last of four rooms, each of which has a separate door opening in the yard. It appears that deceased's door was ajar and at the time the shot which no one heard was fired, the other watchman had strolled through the garden. When he returned to his quarters, he heard Nechvedoff groaning and investigated, finding him lying on the floor of two bunks at the far side of the room and opposite the door.

Decayed's face, the wall, his left hand under his head and the right hand relaxed near the edge of the bed. Life was nearly extinct. It was some little time before the master could be aroused and when the police arrived Nechvedoff was dead. The pistol was on the floor not far from his right hand. His underclothing was powder-burned, indicating that the shot had been fired from close range.

The police are of the opinion that deceased committed suicide, although he, if he did so, went about the matter in a very singular manner. —North China Daily News.

HAUL BY SHANGHAI POLICE.

OVER SCORE OF ARRESTS.

LEADER OF GANG SHOT.

ABDUCTED PERSONS
RELEASED.

SHANGHAI, March 12th.

The police yesterday established a record in connection with the recent epidemic of kidnapping, in that they recovered four kidnapped persons, three in one house, shot and killed one of the leaders, wounded a second, confiscated six pistols, and arrested more than 20 men, and were still raiding houses throughout last night. One of the rescued men had been held for a ransom of \$150,000. Most of those who were arrested were Shanghai men, and many admitted being soldiers or ex-soldiers.

Det. Serg. Wardrop had charge of a squad of detectives, who raided the gang's rendezvous in Moulmein Road and released three persons. The other flying squad under Det. Insp. Quayle, raided a foreign house on Yuyuan Road, which had been rented by the gang.

The first group, wearing steel waistcoats, left the station and were rushed to the house at Moulmein Road. After they had surrounded the house, detectives made for the door, which was partly open, a woman having just come out. They seized her, but not before she screamed, and aroused those within. While one held her the others entered the open door. They were met by one of the gunmen, pistol in hand, but before he could fire the detectives got into action, and he fell to the floor. He was overcome and disarmed in a flash, and the posse moved upstairs.

A Student Liberated.
They broke in the door to one of the rooms, where two men were reaching for three pistols in a box under the bed. Before they could reach their weapons the police overpowered them. In another room a man and a woman were found with the kidnapped persons, who broke down with joy at being liberated. The prisoners were taken to the station, and acting on information given by them, the police raided other houses in the Western district, arresting one more prisoner. In a foreign style house, they found some furniture and discarded uniforms.

At 6 a.m. the other party from Louisa station, began similar operations, acting independently, and went to Taku Road. They were also equipped with steel waistcoats, and broke the door in quickly taking into custody four men and two women, accusing from his captors, Tung Pao Woo, a youth of 23 years, who was kidnapped on the morning of February 28th.

Det. Insp. Quayle, thinking that others might return, posted detectives in the house. Their wait was rewarded at about 11 a.m. Two men tried to obtain entry and a detective opened the door. One of the men said, "What are you doing here?" and made as if to draw a pistol. The detective was quick, however, and fired four times. The man died in Police Hospital within a few minutes, maintaining a stoic silence until his death.

On his person the police found Tung's watch, which, according to others, he had taken from his son on Saturday. He is considered the leader of the gang.

Other parties raided houses in Hart Road, Branch Road, Avenue Road, and Yata Road, the result being yesterday a motley aggregation of hard-looking cases, 17 men and four women, handcuffed to the bar in Louisa station. —North China Daily News.

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HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.

GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT.

The 50th ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices of the Company on Monday, March 26th, at noon.

The report of the General Managers and Consulting Committee states:
1926 Account.—This account shows a surplus of \$748,314.12, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$43 per share, \$344,000; add to Sterling Reserve \$23,000, \$367,000; add to Silver Reserve, \$100,000; add to Reinsurance Fund \$3,387.75, \$683,000.37.

1927 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$709,955.11. Consulting Committee.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 16th, 1928.	
B.K. Bank	\$1,245 buy, 1,240 sa.
Do.	London, £130 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$211 buy
Mercantile Bank A. & C.	\$234 nom.
Do.	0, \$144 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$294 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$724 buy
Overland Assurance	\$216 buy
Union Assurance	\$533 nom.
North China Ins.	£145 nom.
Yongtze Insurance	\$448 buy
China Underwriters	\$270 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$216 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$745 buy
Douglas	\$414 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	\$120 buy, 25 sa.
H.K. Tugs	\$280 sel.
Lido-Chinas (Fret.)	\$335 nom.
Do. (Det.)	\$454 buy
Shell Transport	\$90, nom.
Waterboats	\$203 sel.
Benguet	\$235 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$67, nom.
Langkats (combined)	£16 nom.
Do. (single)	£74 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	£14 nom.
Shanghai Loans	£140 nom.
Banbs	\$44 nom.
Tromch Mines	\$176/8 ay.
H.K. & K. Wharf	\$140 buy, & sa.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$484 nom.
China Provident	\$630 buy, 640 sel.
Longways	£104 buy.
New Engineering	£140 nom.
Shanghai Docks	£101 buy.
Ewo Cottons	£18.70 x div.
Do.	buy, 685 sa.
Oriental Cottons	£14.50 x div.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	£14.50 sel.
Do. (new)	£14.31 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$104 sel.
E.K. Land	\$678 buy.
Shanghai Land	£151 buy.
Humphreys Estate	\$110 buy.
Hong Kong Realities	\$840 sel., 8 sa.
H.K. Territorials	\$1 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$2816 buy, 281 sel.
Peak Trams (old)	\$124 buy.
Do. (new)	\$7 buy.
Star Ferris	\$444 buy.
China Light (comb.)	\$118 buy.
Do. (old)	\$112 buy.
H.K. Electric	\$110 buy.
Macao Electric	\$110 buy.
Telephones	\$44 buy.
China Buses	£11.00 buy.
Singapore Tractams	£11.00 nom.
China Sugars	\$122 buy, 12 sa.
Malayan Sugars	\$124 nom.
Santon Loss	\$124 buy, & sa.
Cementa (combined)	\$121/35 sa.
Do. (old)	\$121/35 sa.
Do. (new)	\$121/35 sa.
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$240 sel.
Do. (new)	\$240 sel.
United Alabsters	\$10 sel.
Deiry Farms	\$124 buy, & sa.
Watsons	\$124 buy, 14/70 sa.
Der. A. Wings	\$11 sel.
Leas Overseas	\$366 buy.
Mackintosh	\$110 buy.
Sinocore	\$110 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$50 nom.
H.K. Ammunicions	\$294 buy.
H.K. Constructions	\$41 nom.
S'qua Indus. G. Bonds	\$67 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	6% prem. buy.
buy—baysa; sa—sellsa; nom—nominal.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROOBY, March 15th.

Paris	124
Brussels	45
Amsterdam	12.19
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.64
Helsingfors	1094
Lisbon	1.15/16
Bucharest	7874
Buenos Aires	473
New York	48.27/32
Geneva	25.24
Milan	22.40
Stockholm	18.16
Oso	18.22
Prague	2044
Madrid	20.02
Adana	2871
Rio	5.50/62
Bombay	1/6.1/8
Yokohama	1/11.5/32
Shanghai	2/6.3/32
Hong Kong	2/0/4
Silver (spot)	28.5/16
Silver (forward)	204

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

MORE ACTIVITY.

BUSINESS ON FAIRLY LARGE SCALE.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, in their weekly review of the share market, dated yesterday, state:

Since our last report of the 9th instant the local market has shown a good deal more activity and business has been on a fairly large scale. Prices in many cases show a further advance, and we close with a very firm tone for both speculative and investment stocks. The market in the North is unchanged except for Ewos and Shanghai Docks which have further appreciated.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks are rather firmer with business done up to \$1,250, and there are further buyers at this rate. The London quotation is unchanged. Unions have changed hands at \$302/\$303. Cansons were marked higher at \$89. China Underwriters after having been bought up to \$2.50, have declined to \$2.60. Hong Kong Fire has advanced further to \$750 following the announcement of a dividend of \$43 payable on the 27th March.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamships were dealt in at \$27 at the outset but have since appreciated to \$30. Douglas Steamships were placed at \$42, but the demand appears to have been satisfied. Kowloon Wharves after having receded to \$140 have recovered to a buying quotation of \$141. China Providents were booked in fair quantities at \$6.35/\$6.50. Realities were placed at \$81.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels have again been in good demand and were negotiated at gradually improving prices up to \$10.60, the market closing easier. Hong Kong Land was a trifle better with sales reported at \$38. Hong Kong Trams have receded to \$23.15. Star Ferries were dealt in at \$63.

China Lights (Combined) have ended slightly higher, there are sellers at \$18. Hong Kong Electric are quoted for at \$71½ ex the dividend of \$2.50 just paid.

Hong Kong Telephones have improved their position and have buyers at \$4.85 with a fair amount of business reported. Green Island Cement (Combined) are rather lower and were sold at \$12½. Malabars were disposed of at \$37.

China Sugars have shown firmness and a good demand for the shares has raised the price to \$13.60. Dairy Farms were put through at \$21.15 to \$21½ ex the dividend of \$1.55 just paid. Watsons have strengthened to a buying quotation of \$14½ with sales reported at \$14.70. Lane, Crawford's were done at \$3.95 and continue in request. Ewos changed hands at \$18.85 ex the dividend of 40 candareens just paid. Shanghai Docks have buyers at \$18.10.

WATSON'S DIVIDEND.

\$189,344 AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION.

The annual meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., will be held in the Hong Kong Hotel on Wednesday, March 28th at 11.30 a.m.

The profit for the twelve months ended 31st October 1927, amounts to \$129,277.76, which together with the reserve of \$57,106.89 from the previous year, leaves \$186,384.65 available for appropriation.

The directors will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:

To pay a dividend of 70 cents per share which will absorb	\$34,000.00
Place to Reserve Fund	25,000.00
Write off Building Improvements	4,227.50
Pay to the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund	5,000.00
Pay to the European Staff Provident Fund	5,000.00
And carry forward to next account	63,117.15
	\$189,344.65

MINER "FAKIR"

MAKING BLOOD FLOW BY WILL POWER.

VIENNA. Before a large number of Viennese doctors, who were highly sceptical at the start, Paul Diebel, a young miner who has performed some remarkable "fakir" feats in South Germany, has demonstrated his ability to pass a long needle through his arm without causing blood to flow, and to make blood ooze from the skin of his chest by sheer concentration of will.

Professor Thuring introduced him to his audience at the Institute of Physics, stripped to the waist, and doctors who wished were allowed to examine his skin with microscopes before and after his feat, to be quite satisfied that the bleeding was not from an old scar, for instance.

NURSE CAVELL FILM FOR UNITED STATES.

MR. COOLIDGE TO BE ASKED TO SEE IT.

AMERICAN PRODUCER'S PRAISE.

The Nurse Cavell film "Dawn," which has been withdrawn owing to representations made by Germany to Sir Austen Chamberlain, is to be shown publicly in the United States.

The film has been bought for the United States at a record price by Mr. Archie Selwyn, the American theatrical impresario, who intends to present the picture on Broadway.

First, however, Mr. Selwyn intends to ask President Coolidge to see "Dawn" and to show it to the American Legion and to the three thousand women's club organizations, before showing it to the general public.

Mr. Selwyn said: "I believe the American public will accept this picture not only as a historical subject which, because of its truth, will interest them, but because the story itself has been beautifully handled."

Middle West Germans. I am not a judge of its commercial value, but I was willing to pay a big price for the honour of associating myself with a film that will not only be a potent factor against war, but also will do more to promote the British film industry in America than anything that has ever before been attempted.

I have big theatrical interests in the Middle West, particularly in Chicago, where the German population is very large. I am convinced that "Dawn" will be just as welcome there because of its truth and obvious sincerity.

Mr. Herbert Wilcox, the producer of "Dawn," denied the statement that he had made or was making changes in the film.

GERMANS' WAR FILM.

BLOCKADE AS ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA.

BERLIN. I have been to the second part of the German war film, says the Daily Mail correspondent—and left the theatre wondering how Germans could have the temerity to raise objection to the British film of the life of Nurse Cavell.

Anything more likely to renew former bitterness and raise feeling against Great Britain could hardly be imagined. Germany is shown as a beleaguered fortress, and the result of the British blockade is pathetically shown by scenes representing children clamouring for food.

If "Dawn" is to be suppressed these scenes should also be suppressed.

MAN'S CRIME STORIES.

SAYS THAT AUTHOR USED THEM FOR HIS PLAYS.

After William Hurley, a tailor, with 25 previous convictions, had pleaded guilty at the London Sessions to stealing a dressing-case from an omnibus, he said that on one occasion while he was awaiting trial, a Fleet-street reporter got into touch with him. He added: "I wish I could paint his name in red across Fleet-street. When I came out of prison in September five years ago another reporter got hold of me and suggested that I should write my life story. I got £50 for writing it and 247 10s. afterwards."

"Then I got into touch with a play-wright, and he made two plays out of my life story, both of which have been played in London. I also gave him two tips for his racing articles. He knows as much about tips as horses do. I asked him for a substantial sum he had promised me for my manuscript, but he only gave me a fever. A play he made out of my story is a crime story, and I would not give two pence for it."

Hurley described how he went to a theatre where the play was produced. He sat in the stalls with sixpence three-farthings in his pocket. "Imagine my feelings when I read that the playwright received £14,000 for the film rights of the play," he wrote "from my manuscript."

Mr. Robert Wallace, K.C., sentenced Hurley to eighteen months' imprisonment.

FORTUNE LOST.

FORMER-MILLIONAIRE DIES WORTH 22.

MONTREAL. Mr. David Russell, who recently died in a Toronto hotel, was 20 years ago a big figure in Canadian finance. His estate was rated at \$2,000,000.

Through lawsuits, bad speculations, and ill health he lost his fortune, and his estate has just been proved at 22—a sum which will be shared by his brother and two sisters.

BRITISH NAVAL REDUCTIONS.

NEW ZEALAND'S GENEROSITY.

FINE WORK IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REVUE'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 15th.

Striking figures regarding British naval reductions were given by Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, in the House of Commons, in submitting the Navy Estimates. We had 641 ships in July, 1914, 1,887 at the Armistice, and only 405 at the present day.

The respective tonnages were 2,275,000, 3,130,000 and 1,329,000. Britain, he declared had scrapped nearly 2,000,000 tons as against 300,000 tons by the United States.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, March 15th.

The First Lord of the Admiralty dealing with the figure of £37,300,000 asked for, emphasised that this sum showed a reduction of £1,150,000 on what was spent last year, while he pointed out that there was, in addition, £1,280,000 less in appropriations.

It had, therefore, been necessary to economise to the extent of over £200,000,000.

AIR ARM INCREASES.

Mr. Bridgeman called attention to the increased expenditure of £108,000 on the Fleet Air Arm and said that far from starving the air side, the Admiralty were making extra provision, although they were cutting down in other directions.

There was a vote of £48,000,000 for effective services. This corresponded almost exactly with the sum for effective services in the year 1914, but when they came to calculate what they would have had to pay if pre-war prices prevailed, they had a reduction of £18,000,000. Therefore, he pointed out on that calculation there was saving on effective services of 37.35 per cent. compared with the pre-war year.

Mr. Bridgeman described as an event of great value and interest the most generous contribution by New Zealand of £1,000,000 towards making the dock at Singapore. New Zealand had also offered to maintain another cruiser more than before.

CHINA STATION.

He also referred with satisfaction to the fine work achieved by the Navy in China during the very disturbed times through which that country had been passing.

Dealing with the question of Britain's naval policy, Mr. Bridgeman said it was one of replacement. This year the Government were dropping one cruiser out of three and were inserting a further four sloops. In the two years 1927 and 1928 instead of having six cruisers they would only lay down three.

So far they had no idea of altering next year's programme. That would come up for consideration by the Minister who then presented the Estimates. It would be a very risky thing to do further, than the Government had done in postponing replacement because in a few years we should have a more rapid obsolescence in cruisers and there would be more necessity for spending money on replacements.

These replacements would be necessary moreover, at the same time as the possibility of replacing battleships.

The Government's reason for dropping three cruisers was not that they were not satisfied that this country had done its full share in disarmament.

Armament Limitation. America had made a very generous contribution in the limitation of armaments and had scrapped something like 600,000 tons of ships built or building.

Before the Washington Conference was held, however, Great Britain had voluntarily scrapped tonnage amounting to 1,300,000 tons and, since then, had scrapped about the same as America had.

Since the Armistice, Great Britain had scrapped 1,335 ships with a total tonnage of 2,129,518.

So, he said, when one looked at the contributions of the United States of 600,000 tons and our own of 2,000,000 tons, one could not say we had not done our part.

"I do not think," said Mr. Bridgeman, "it is quite sufficiently understood how large a part we have played in this matter. We are the only nation that is dependent on our very existence on the free passage of the seas and for that reason our contribution, I think, is all the more remarkable."

Small Percentage.

Our present naval expenditure was seven per cent. of the total budget of the country, instead of the pre-war figure of 37.5 per cent. and as against 75 per cent. in the United States at the present time and 14.9 per cent. in Japan.

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TRAFFIC TOLL OF CHILD LIFE.

BRITISH TRANSPORT MINISTRY INQUIRY.

BISHOP ON NEED OF PLAY-GROUNDS.

LONDON, Feb. 15th. Complaints by the Bishop of Southwark (the Rt. Rev. C. F. Garbett) of the number of children killed and injured in traffic accidents in London led the Government to promise, in the House of Lords yesterday, an immediate inquiry by the Traffic Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Transport.

In 1926 233 children were killed and 9,523 injured through traffic accidents in the Metropolitan police area. That was an appalling state of affairs, said the Bishop. It had been calculated that every twenty minutes a child was injured or killed outside the shelter of home or school.

Accidents to children were rapidly increasing, the total of killed and injured in 1926 in London having been only 5,569 as compared with nearly 10,000 in 1926.

Street Playgrounds. One of the causes of accidents to children, was that there were too few playing grounds, and the London child looked upon the streets as its natural playground.

He suggested a careful investigation, and thought that it might be necessary to close certain streets to any kind of game, or else to adopt the method in use in New York of blocking certain streets to motor traffic at certain hours so that children could play there.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

SHOCK FOR THE TYPIST.

SPEEDOMETER TO COUNT HER TAPS ON THE KEYS.

A shock is in store for typists. At the Exhibition of Business Efficiency at the Holland Park Hall, London, is an instrument that counts the number of times the typist taps her keys.

The exhibition also marks the triumph in the office of the knitting needle.

A woman gave a demonstration with the knitting-needle in front of many business directors.

She was given a box containing hundreds of cards showing telephrases, contracts and other matters of importance to a large firm. When asked to look up the cash sales which this firm had recorded in the North of England last July, she seized two knitting needles and plunged them through the tops of the row of cards.

She lifted the needles. The cash sales in the North of England for last July fell on the table.

The cards were put back in the case unclassified, and some even upside down. It did not matter. The knitting needle would pick out the right cards at any time.

The secret lay in a series of holes punched on the sides of the cards. On one side of the card the holes indicated sales on another area, and on another months.

It would be safer, apparently, to be added, "for an American to engage in a European war than to walk about the United States."

"I am not," he confessed, "a supporter of the internal combustion engine. It is spoiling the countryside, fouling the sea, and ruining the air."

Viscount Peel, of the Ministry of Transport, announced that the Minister would direct the Advisory Committee to make a special inquiry.

RIVER TRAFFIC
STRIKE.FOLLOWS ARREST OF JUNK
CAPTAIN.

HOW HONAM IS POLICED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

River traffic between Shiu-kwan and Canton has stopped as a result of the arrest of the master of a river junk, by So Tung, Ming, Commissioner of the Navigation Bureau at Shiu-kwan. Commissioner So issued an order demanding payment of transit fees and other dues from boats passing through Shiu-kwan. As no boat complied with the Commissioner's order, the latter arrested the master in question. All the boatmen rallied at once to the prisoner's aid, and a brawl ensued. Commissioner So would not yield to the demands of the floating population and took his prisoner to the Cook Kiang district prison. But the magistrate, Mr. Kiang Yuk Sang, refused to receive the junk skipper in his prison, saying that the Navigation Commissioner had no authority to arrest the man. Commissioner So then lodged his prisoner with the Military-Police Association at Shiu-kwan who reluctantly accepted him. This roused the Chamber of Commerce of Shiu-kwan and also the Boatmen's Association, and the latter held a protest meeting on the following day. A general strike of boatmen was ordered and carried out. All the boatmen of Nan Hung Kiang, Yan Fa Kiang, Tai Bok Kiang and Siu Bok Kiang stopped their work to show their sympathy with the unfortunate captain.

In the meantime General Fan Shue Shang, who is in charge of the forces stationed at Shiu-kwan, heard of this. The General at once sent for the heads of the Military-Police Association and gave them a severe reprimand, asserting that the arrest was illegal. At the order of the General the prisoner was set free. This somewhat appeased the boatmen and the merchants, but the strike is still continuing.

The boatmen and the merchants have stated in their petition of complaint that never before have transit fees been levied in Shiu-kwan. A few years ago it was tried and failed. Prior to the Northern Military Expedition when Mr. T. V. Soong was Commissioner in Kwangtung, Finance, the Provincial Administration issued an order forbidding the collection of transit fees on river traffic at Shiu-kwan. "The illegal and unauthorized action of Commissioner So," adds the complaint, "is in direct contradiction to the Government order."

The Commissioner declares he will send the few soldiers at his command down to the Tsee Hing and Yan Fa districts to arrest the leaders of the boatmen there. Unless the Government takes the matter up, further trouble is anticipated.

HONAM'S VILLAGE MILITIA.

Since the departure last week of the 5th Army for the East River campaign against the Communists the protection of Honam has been turned over to the local militia. The Honam militia was organized some years ago under General Li Fook Lum, the former Commander of the 5th Army. The militia-men, numbering approximately 4,000 strong, are drawn from the 72 villages of the island, each contributing and supporting a certain number. In the past the garrisoning of Honam has been done by the 5th Army in co-operation with the militia. It was solely on this account that the island, in striking contrast with Canton proper, has been so free from robbery and depredations. Being organized and supported by the islanders, the militia receives no financial aid from the Government and the latter has no direct power over it, and it was used solely for local protection.

While walking through the streets of Honam last night our representative saw several groups of militia-men, armed with rifles and automatic pistols, vigilantly patrolling the streets. They wore no military uniform, but each man had, however, a narrow strip of blue cloth fastened over his shoulder, bearing the words "The Village Militia of Honam." At the Military Headquarters of the 5th Army, Mr. K. Z. Loh, boys' work secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of China, is expected at Canton to day, when he will consult local officers on the question of work among boys in the City. In Canton there used to be a good deal of social welfare work for children, and for a time the Canton Y.M.C.A. had a building interrupted during the Bolshevik regime, but it is hoped to revive it. The boys' work in Canton is more or less monopolized by the dominant political party.

HUMAN TRAFFIC.
GIRL SOLD BY HER SISTER.
PURCHASER SENT TO PRISON.

A sad story of how a Chinese girl was sold by her own sister into prostitution was told yesterday at the Central Magistracy when a Chinese man and a woman were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for unlawfully harbouring her and letting her out for prostitution.

Mr. W. N. Owen appeared for the man and the woman was unrepresented. It was stated that she was a servant in the employ of the man and in view of the fact that the male accused had pleaded guilty his Worship discharged her.

The unfortunate girl's story was then told to the Court. It appeared that her father was in Sydney and that she was the daughter of his fourth concubine. She and her mother were in Shanghai and when a marriage was being arranged for her, she ran away to Hong Kong, as she objected to the man whom her mother wished her to marry.

In Hong Kong she stayed with her sister but after the money and jewelry she had were spent she was sold by her sister to the male defendant for \$250. She was then taken to the S.C.A. to apply for a licence for prostitution but this was refused owing to her youthfulness.

It appeared that after her application for a licence had been refused, the girl was put into an unlicensed "house." One of the "visitors" to the house heard her story and reported it to the Police saying that he was the girl's uncle so as to get the right to move on her behalf.

This man has, however, quietly left the scene. He is supposed to be in Canton on business.

In sentencing the defendant to three months' hard labour Mr. Lindsell said that the Ordinance under which the man was charged was formulated with a view to protecting girls who had been lured away, and that even if the girl was willing to be a prostitute, the man had no right to buy her and put her into a "house."

MERCHANTS WANT THE
LOOP LINE.

Not a few Chinese merchants in Canton were delighted with Sir Cecil Clementi's reference, at the banquet given by the General Chamber of Commerce, to the advantages of completing the loop-line connecting the Canton-Kowloon Railroad and the Canton-Hankow Railroad. The Political Council have, however, denied that the Canton authorities have entered into any conversations with Hong Kong on the subject.

The Canton Municipality under Mayor Lin Wen Kai will assume direct supervision of the proposed International Race and Sports Club of Canton which is to erect a course on the East Parade Ground. It appears that the land, when first sold to the present syndicate, was specified for residences only. Its use for a race course will change the character of the original plans and put the Municipality to some loss. In return the Municipality will be able to claim the ground free of charge for other sports and other functions. Under the agreement 15 per cent. of the income of the Race Club will have to be turned over to the City to be used at the discretion of the Municipality.

Dinner dances, which have been very popular in Canton, have been prohibited by the military on the grounds that they had become a public nuisance to the neighbourhood.

Mr. G. B. Dunnett, of the Canton Branch of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been transferred to Hong Kong, and Mr. T. M. Knott has taken his place. Mr. Dunnett, while on Shanghai, was a member of the British Municipal Council. Mr. A. L. Gace, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's office, Shanghai, has been transferred to the Shanghai office of the company.

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MARSHAL LI OFF TO
NANKING.GENERAL CHEN MING SHU
WITH HIM.

LEAVE BY S.S. "MANTUA."

Marshal Li Tsai Hsin is now on his way to Shanghai aboard the s.s. Mantua which left here at 6 a.m. yesterday morning. He is accompanied by General Chen Ming Shu (Commander of the 11th Army and Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), Mr. Chu Cha Wah (Vice-Chancellor of the Sun Yat Sen University), Mr. Lai Man Yan (Marshal Li's Private Secretary), and a number of other officials. It is understood that he is proceeding to Nanking to "consult with Chiang Kai Shek and the heads of the Nationalist Government."

The passages were booked some time ago but on Thursday news was received that they had been cancelled and that Marshal Li would not leave Canton. Again plans were changed and shortly after 9 p.m. on Thursday night the Marshal left by special train, with him being Mr. Chu Cha Wah and Mr. Li Man Yan. Also on the train was a body guard of 100 picked troops who travelled as far as Shum Chun which was reached at 12.30 a.m.

The train arrived at Kowloon at about 1.30 a.m. but Marshal Li and his party remained there awaiting General Hsu King Tung, O.C. 13th Division of the 4th Army; General Feng Cho Man, Finance Commissioner; and General Tang Shi Chang, Head of the Police and Commander of the Canton Garrison Troops, who arrived by motor boat at the Star Ferry Wharf at 3 a.m. General Chen Ming Shu joined the party later after they had gone aboard the Mantua where seven rooms had been booked.

It is believed that Marshal Li's visit North will be a short one, lasting only a fortnight. The whole position is obscure and regarded with some anxiety in view of what happened when Marshal Li and Chang-Fat Fui were to go to Shanghai together, but while Marshal Li made the journey Chang-Fat returned to Canton to set up the Government, that was caught napping by the Communists on December 11th.

Chiang Kai Shek recently appointed Li Tsai Hsin Chief-of-Staff and ordered him to Nanking, but it was expected, and hoped, that Marshal Li would accept the challenge and refuse to leave Canton or commit Kwangtung to any support of the Peking adventure on which Chiang has set his heart.

Importance is attached to the fact that Chen Ming Shu, the victor of the East River campaign against the Ironsides is with Marshal Li. Chen is supposed to favour Chiang Kai Shek, but his loyalty to Marshal Li has been unwavering. Many, however, could not altogether banish suspicions of his intentions.

In our issue of yesterday we stated, on information from our Chinese correspondent that General Wong Shui Hong, the Kwangtung warlord, and Marshal Li's most trusted colleague had cancelled his return to Canton in order to take charge in Canton should Marshal Li decide to leave. His presence should be some guarantee of security to the present regime.

CASES FIXED FOR HEARING.
MR. HAYNES' ABSENCE.

Yesterday morning several Summary Court cases came before Mr. Justice Wood for the fixing of dates.

H. Ruttonjee & Son of 15, Queen's Road Central, wine and cigar merchants, claims from Mr. D. M. Browning of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.), Ltd., the sum of \$130.32, being \$125 due for rent in lieu of notice in respect of No. 3 flat at 7, Duddell Street for February 1928 and \$5.32 amount due for electric light consumed, and costs of the action.

Mr. Haynes Absent.

Two cases were called in when Mr. L. E. Haynes was concerned, but he was not present. In the first Mr. Haynes' attorney for Tong Man Ying of 6, Queen's Road Central, sues Arculli Bros., Exchange Building, for \$500, being money deposited with the defendants under the terms of an agreement dated January 21st, 1927.

When the plaintiff's name was called he did not appear, and Mr. Arculli for the defendants asked that the case be struck out, which was done.

Another Case.

In another case which was called yesterday morning Mr. Haynes sues Mr. N. L. Brewer, the Instance Banking Corporation, 25, Des Voeux Road Central. The plaintiff's claim is for work done and supplied amounting to \$300, and damages not exceeding \$610, and the costs of this action. Mr. Brewer was in court, but Mr. Haynes did not answer to his name and application for adjournment was refused. Mr. Brewer made an application for nothing in the absence of the plaintiff. Asked if the adjournment should be for one week or two, Mr. Brewer replied, "Two weeks, my Lord. I think it will probably be settled."

ST. JOHN AMBU-
LANCE BRIGADE.ANNUAL INSPECTION BY
H.E. THE GOVERNOR.A SMART AND IMPRESSIVE
TURN-OUT.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade turned out in full strength yesterday at the Murray Parade Ground for their annual inspection by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. There were also several hundreds of spectators present to witness the fine display of field first aid demonstrated by the members of the Brigade.

Among the officers of the corps present were H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C.), Mr. E. Ralph, District Commissioner, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, founder of the Brigade, Mr. A. Morris, District Superintendent, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, District Surgeon, Dr. Ma Luk, Finance Member, Dr. D. J. Valentine, Division Officer, Mr. A. Arculli, Division Officer, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Division Officer, and other officers of the Brigade.

Among the spectators were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Mr. Li Yau Chuen, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ip Lap Tuen, Mr. Tredwell and Lady Ho Tung.

The Brigade fell in at headquarters, and preceded by a detachment of Chinese and Indian police and also the full band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers marched to the Parade Ground, under the command of Mr. Rabson. About fifteen minutes later, H.E. the Governor arrived, accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. Whyte. Sir Cecil was met at the entrance by Mr. Morris, E. Ralph, Ho Kom Tong, A. Morris and Dr. Ma Luk. A Royal salute was given by the corps, and Sir Cecil then inspected the ranks.

An Efficient Demonstration.

The members of the corps then gave a very efficient demonstration of field first aid. "Wounded" men were capably bandaged and put on stretchers. "Lunatics" were overpowered and put into straight jackets and "minor casualties" were attended to with the promptitude and efficiency of trained doctors.

The turn-out of the Brigade was extremely smart, and every member of the corps went about his business in a way which showed that they had all been carefully and skilfully trained.

A hollow square was then formed while His Excellency inspected officers of the Brigade, with medals and presented trophies to the various successful divisions.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S
CONGRATULATIONS.

Sir Cecil then addressed the corps as follows:

Officers and members of the Hong Kong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.—The strength of the Hong Kong Corps of the Brigade has increased from 31 officers and 150 rank and file in 1926 to 49 officers and 234 rank and file at the end of last year, and, whereas there was in 1926 only one Nursing Division with 16 members, there are now two Nursing Divisions with 39 members. There are also eight drivers. It is interesting to analyse the list of officers. It now includes 21 Europeans, two being ladies, eleven are Chinese and one Indian. Of other officers there are 28, of whom ten are European (including one lady), fifteen are Chinese (including one lady) and three are Indian. The Hong Kong Corps of the Brigade has thus developed into an organization in which Europeans, Chinese and Indians work side by side in furtherance of a common beneficent aim. It has officers of all three races, who co-operate willingly and efficiently, and no friction, I am glad to say, has ever arisen. In this respect the Corps sets a high standard to the whole Colony.

Every member of the Corps passed a First Aid Examination during last year, and many passed their 3rd annual examination, while some have passed as many as nine annual examinations. The importance of these annual refresher courses cannot be insisted upon too strongly. The efficiency of the Corps is thereby maintained at a high level and in this annual training great assistance was received last year, as in previous years, from the officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps, to whom grateful thanks are due, as also to the Medical Practitioners of the Colony who interest themselves in the work of the Corps.

During last year 1,008 men and 115 women (not all members of the Brigade) were instructed in First Aid and Home Nursing, of these 635 men and 104 women passed. The Corps has also helped in the First Aid training of Hong Kong Police and Firemen, and First Aid certificates were granted last year to 70 European Police, 127 Indian Police, 318 Chinese Police and 107 Firemen. These figures are good, but I shall not be satisfied until I shall not be satisfied until

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ALLEGED DEAL IN OPIUM.

3,000 TAELS FOUND ON THE
"HAI HONG."

THREE MEN CHARGED.

A haul of 3,000 taels of prepared opium was mentioned at the Central Magistracy yesterday when three Chinese were charged with attempting to import the drug. The seizure was made by Chief Preventive Officer Chinko and Revenue Officer Ward on the s.s. Hai Hong at the Douglas Company's wharf.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, appearing for the defendants, applied for a remand in order to give him an opportunity to interview the defendants. In view of the large quantity of opium seized, he did not ask for bail.

The case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

All Hong Kong Police and Firemen are trained in First Aid. "In the spring a vaccination campaign was begun by the Corps at the request of the Hong Kong Government. Vaccination Stations were established at suitable places all over the Colony and in the New Territory, and 106,635 persons (mostly Chinese) were vaccinated free of charge. It is noteworthy that the Chinese residents of Cheung Chau and of Aberdeen have on several occasions invited the Corps to send them men to carry out vaccination work and to deliver health lectures.

H.M. the King has been pleased to approve of the promotion of Mr. Ralph, the Assistant Commissioner of the Corps, to be Commander of the Order of St. John, and of Dr. Koch, the District Surgeon of the Corps, to be an Officer of the Order. Both Mr. Ralph and Dr. Koch have been actively connected with Ambulance work for many years. They have rendered most valuable service to the Hong Kong Corps and I congratulate them warmly on their well-earned promotion.

Mr. Morris, the District Superintendent of the Corps, was awarded in December last the long service Medal of the Order, having completed ten years' efficient service. He has set the Corps a fine example.

The thanks of the Corps are due to those gentlemen—all Chinese—who have generously subscribed to funds in order to enable the Corps to carry on its work. It is a matter both for surprise and regret to me that the European community does not join in giving financial support to an organization which is performing work of so much value to the Colony. I feel that the mere fact of drawing attention to this anomaly will result in its being speedily rectified.

The Corps deserves well of the Colony and I wish its beneficent activities ever increasing recognition and success.

The ranks were then re-formed and marched past the saluting base. The salute was taken by Sir Cecil.

The nurses in their uniforms of white and blue looked particularly picturesque and smart. The motor ambulances also presented a very neat appearance.

Investitures.

The investitures and trophies presented were the following: Mr. Edwin Ralph from the rank of "Officer" to that of "Commander" of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the British Realm. He was invested with the insignia. Dr. William Vincent Miller Koch, from the rank of "Honorary Serving Brother" to that of "Officer" of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the British Realm.

The Long Service Medal of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in the British Realm was conferred by the Order upon Mr. Alfred Morris, District Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hong Kong.

The Trophies.

"RAPH'S" SHIELD (for General Efficiency) at Annual Competition. Awarded to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division.

DRY CUP (for best record of actual Ambulance duty performed during 1927). Awarded to the Mong Kok Division.

ATTENDANCE CUP (for best attendance at Drills and Lectures during 1927). Awarded to the Railway Division.

THE HO FOOK EFFICIENCY CUP (awarded to the best Team in the Halfway Competition). Won by No. 3 Team.

CHARTER SWIMMING SHIELD (awarded to the Division obtaining the highest number of "points" at the Annual Aquatic Competition). Won by the Kowloon Division.

ELLIS KAPOORIS SHIELD (Team Race). Won by the St. Joseph's College Division.

HO TUNG CUP (Life Saving Competition). Won by King's College Division.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. Won by St. Joseph's College Division.

NAM YAN CUP. Won by Kowloon Division.

CHAN CHAN NAM CUP. Won by the St. Joseph's College Division.

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NOTICE.

THE Office of A. MYLO, Architect, Has been REMOVED to 18, JOSEPH STREET (Ground Floor). [3018]

NOTICE.

I have from THIS DAY established myself as a SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER with Office situated at No. 11, 108 HOUSE STREET. G. A. HARRIMAN, Member of the HONG KONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION. 10th March, 1928. [3014]

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

MEMBERS who are Not Taking Part in the "YACHT" CLUB RACES are hereby informed that a MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1928. P.M. 2.40 P.M. START: 2.45 P.M.

By Order.

J. R. L. STANTON, Hon. Sec. Sailing Committee. [3016]

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

FROM 17th MARCH, 1928, until further notice, TELEPHONE SERVICE between HONG KONG AND KOWLOON will be RESTRICTED owing to Harbour Dredging Operations necessitating the Removal of our Submarine Cables and Resulting in a Reduction in the Number of Joints available to carry the Telephone Traffic between the above mentioned Places. A Full Service will be Restored Immediately Dredging Operations Cease. J. P. SHERREY, Manager, Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. [3017]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1927. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 22nd Day of MARCH, to THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Manager, Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [3015]

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Underigned intends an Early Date to apply to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong for a Bill incorporating the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS. Dated the 16th day of March, 1928. S. B. B. McLEDDY, Acting Secretary for Chinese Affairs. [3013]

NOTICE.

DURING My Absence in SHANGHAI I have appointed Mr. S. H. LANGSTON to take Charge as from TO-DAY. H. C. SERUSOLE, NESTLE & ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK CO., Manager for Hong Kong and S. China, Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [3009]

NOTICE.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS DAY will take place at the CATHEDRAL on SUNDAY, the 18th MARCH, 1928. Morning Service—High Mass, 8.30 A.M. Evening Service—Sermon and Benediction, at 4 P.M. After that an "AT HOME" at the Mission House. Catholics are Cordially Invited. [3011]

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. C. F. BASTO, of Hong Kong, a Duplicate Certificate for 500 Shares in this Company, upon statement that the Original Certificate numbered as follows has been LOST or MISLAIN: Certificate No. 154601/155100 500.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within THIRTY DAYS from the Date hereof No Claim or Representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to this Company, they will then proceed to deal with such application. By Order of the Board of Directors, HERBERT E. STUBB, Manager and Secretary, 88 George Street, Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [3010]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1928, Commencing at 2.30 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 2.40 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform. Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSAY & DAVIS at \$2.00 Each Up to FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1928.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race and Betting. [3098]

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDING, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to 20th MARCH, 1928, (Both Days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. YICK, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 6th Mar., 1928. [3076]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Day of MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Manager, Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [3043]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING: SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

ENTRIES CLOSE Before NOON, WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1928. [3092]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underigned on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1927. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 5th Mar., 1928. [3063]

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INTIMATIONS.

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL DINNER will be held on BOAT RACE NIGHT—MARCH 31st, 1928. Anyone whose Name is or has been on the Books of a College at either University is qualified for Membership of the Society and to attend the Dinner. New-comers desirous of joining should communicate with the Joint Secretary, R. E. LINDSELL, c/o the Master of the Boat Race. [3001]

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TWO LET.—Nos. 1 and 2, NORTH POINT VIEW, MODERN BUNGALOWS in Good Repair. For particulars, apply to Messrs. DEACONS, No. 1, DES VOGES ROAD CENTRAL. [318]

MARRIAGE.

LLOYD-CROWE—On March 15th, 1928, at Holy Trinity Church, Western-super-Mare, by the Rev. T. R. WINTERSON, JOHN DANIEL LLOYD, Hong Kong Civil Service, to DOROTHY SOUTHWELL, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. Crowe and Mrs. Crowe, of Western-super-Mare. (By cable). [3020]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street. London Office: 51, Bridge Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, MARCH 17th, 1928.

HALF A MILLION—BUT NOT YET.

The gift of \$500,000 by an anonymous donor to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to accumulate at compound interest over a long period and then be applied towards the reduction of the national debt, has excited a certain amount of harmless controversy in England. It could not be otherwise. There are some who applaud the donor—and would bless his name if they knew it—as a true patriot. His magnificent generosity strikes the imagination. He has shown what might, could, or ought to be done by wealthy persons. But on the other hand there are some who are neither ashamed nor afraid to look the gift horse in the mouth. They consider that it would be more practical to apply the money to the reduction of the national debt now instead of postponing it to a distant future. It is apparent that these critics are imbued with the spirit of the man who, when asked what he was prepared to do for posterity, cynically inquired, "What has posterity done for me!"

INTIMATIONS.



AWARDED 50 GOLD & PRIZE MEDALS. IT NEVER VARIES!

SOLE AGENTS—A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS. PHONE C. 916. [50]

But the gift is remarkable for other reasons. It is a reminder that the State can do what is denied to private individuals. By virtue of the provisions of the Superannuation and Other Trust Funds (Validation) Act of 1927, this half million may go on accumulating with interest and compound interest, in spite of the Rule against Perpetuation and the Accumulation Acts of 1800 and 1892. The mere mention of these old statutes weakens the echoes of many romances. One of them was a romance of real life—that of THIELLUSON, to whom it is due that a private person cannot do what has raised the admiration of Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

In THIELLUSON's time the law permitted the income of real and personal estate to be accumulated during the whole of the period of "lives in being" and 21 years afterwards. The eccentric Mr. THIELLUSON saw his chance, and made a will (which was held valid) directing the income of his property to be accumulated during the lives of all his children, grand-children and great-grand-children who were living at the time of his death, for the benefit of some future descendant who should be a live on the death of the survivor. Thereafter there was fierce and costly litigation over his estate, and Parliament bore the brunt of it.

It was seen that the effect of THIELLUSON's accumulation was to impoverish his family and cut it off from supplies for three generations. His will was described as a mad and mischievous freak. Therefore, the Act of 1890 was passed which forbids accumulations for more than alternative periods—the

life of the testator, or 21 years from his death, or during the minority of any person living at his death, or during the minority of any person who, if of full age, would be entitled to the income. From these restrictions, however, the unknown patriot's gift is free. It may go on accumulating for the lawful object of reducing the national debt; and a century hence his \$500,000 will amount to nearly \$41,000,000.

This is a pleasing prospect—for the remote descendants of present day Englishmen. But who can feel a deep personal concern that people in the year of grace 2028 will have their income tax reduced? At the same time, this consideration does not in the least detract from a splendidly public-spirited action. What it does is to tempt us once again to think of the well-known magic properties of compound interest which seems to promise a free future. The theme has not escaped the romancer in fiction. EDGAR ALLAN POE justifies his "Arnheim" with a reference to the THIELLUSON case. EUGENE SUZ bases his famous (though seldom read) story of "The Wandering Jew" on the idea of an accumulated fund originated for a definite purpose; while other jugglers with statistics delight to tell us of what might have been produced by a penny invested at compound interest at the beginning of the Christian era.

One Chinese case of enteric was reported on Thursday from Victoria and one case, also Chinese from the same district of cerebro spinal fever.

During Mr. H. C. Shrubsole's absence in Shanghai, Mr. S. H. Langston will take charge of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.

Arrangements have been made to commence the annual billiard tournament of the Crispengrove Cricket Club on March 21st. Handicaps will be arranged after the entries close to-morrow (Sunday).

Amongst the passengers who left for Australian ports by the a.s. Taiping were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Yui, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mulvaney, Mr. and Mrs. G. Manwaring, and Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston.

The marriage is announced of Mr. Frederick Lansing Evans, a teacher, of 278, Lai Chi Kok Road to Miss Chan Mei Yeung of the same address. The marriage is also announced of Horacio Jose de Garca, assistant to the Chinese Maritime Customs, Macao, and Miss Lina Beatriz da Rocha, of Fairview, 2, Robinson Road, Hong Kong.

HONG KONG & KOWLOON TELEPHONE.

RESTRICTED SERVICE.

DUE TO HARBOUR DREDGING.

The Hong Kong Telephone Co. announce that from to-day (Saturday) until further notice the telephone service between Hong Kong and Kowloon will be restricted. The restriction is due to harbour dredging operations necessitating the removal of telephone submarine cables which means a reduction in the number of junctions available for telephone traffic.

Full service will be restored immediately dredging operations cease.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m., stated:—The anti-cyclone has moved eastward and is now central over S.W. Japan. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the North China Sea. Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate, cloudy.

PROPERTY SALES.

POWELL'S BUILDING CHANGES HANDS.

17 BUILDINGS SOLD AT AUCTION.

Two pieces of lands with buildings thereon were put up for auction yesterday at Messrs. Lamert Brothers' auction room. There were many intending purchasers present and both lots were sold.

The first lot involved a parcel of land in Kowloon, known as Inland Lot No. 629 together with buildings thereon, viz., Nos. 613, 615, 617, 619 and 621, Nathan Road. The whole area is 7,175 square feet and the annual Crown Rent \$32.92.

The upset price for this property was \$83,000 and it was sold to Mr. Kwam Hong for \$83,200.

The second lot comprised 12 buildings in First Street, Hong Kong and had an area of 6,548 square feet. The upset price for this was \$170,000, and it was knocked down to Mr. Leung Ching for \$170,400.

Powell's Buildings.

The Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, have acquired Powell's Buildings. This was the second big property deal which this Company put through recently. It was not very long ago that they bought Prince's Building.

The purchase price, we are informed, was \$560.

At present nothing is known as to what the Company will do with the building, but it is understood that Messrs. William Powell & Co. will remain in occupation for some time to come. The transfer of the building will be completed in about a fortnight's time.

WORK FOR BLIND GIRLS.

ADDRESS ON THE KOWLOON CITY INSTITUTION.

At a meeting of the St. John's Cathedral group of the Victoria Diocesan Association held yesterday evening, Mrs. Beswick, principal of the Blind Girls Home in Kowloon City, gave a short and interesting speech in which she described something of the work of the Home and the girls who are cared for there. The Home has started thirty-two years ago and has been in the present building for the last 27 years. Of the fifty-one blind girls who live there many came as quite small babies and some of them are to-day in their forties.

They have been taught to read and write by the Braille system and have passed through the ordinary primary school curriculum. Besides doing most of the house work in the Home these girls are partially self-supporting, by means of knitting, brush making, rug making, etc.

The work of the girls provides two-thirds of the expenses of the Home, the remaining third being given by local charities and private donations.

The girls at present in the Home are all over twenty years of age and the premises do not admit of any others being taken in at present. Some of these girls have been sent up country as bible women and teachers in other blind schools; for others employment has been found as house girls in private establishments. Some of them visit hospitals and the Gospel Hall in Kowloon City in the capacity of bible women.

The girls have been adopted by the Home for life and it continues to be responsible for their well being even if employment is found for them outside.

After several questions had been put to the speaker the Very Rev. Dean of Hong Kong thanked Miss Beswick for her interesting discourse.

SOCIAL EVENING.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL.

A very pleasant social evening, the fourth of the season, was held yesterday at 8.30 in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. The programme was arranged by Mr. P. Sande of the Y.M.C.A. and included a clever little sketch in which Mr. Sande was assisted by Mrs. Toffan and Messrs. Dorrner and Tate. Songs, games, and music filled up the rest of the evening, and refreshments were served to the large number gathered together. These St. Andrew's social evenings are always a success, and particularly enjoyed by the service men, the atmosphere is friendly and informal, and a good entertainment is provided.

MARSHAL FENG AND THE BUDDHISTS.

SHANGHAI PROTEST.

The Shanghai Buddhist Religion Support Association has despatched two important telegrams, one to Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang and the other to the Nationalist Government in Nanking.

In the telegram to Marshal Feng, the writers say that newspapers have reported that he has issued orders for the suppression and confiscation of Buddhist monasteries, nunneries and temples in the provinces of Honan, Shenai and Kansu, and driven out the monks and nuns. This has caused great alarm and the writers cannot help thinking that the reports are incorrect. Article 6 of the Kuomintang Constitution declares that all citizens shall have the right to free religious belief, and this article includes every religion. President Sun Yat Sen, in his "San Min Chu I," discoursed on the Buddhist religion and from this it could be seen that it was not only the wish of the Kuomintang that the people should have the right to religious freedom, but that it was the late President's desire.

A Precedent Quoted.

The Marshal's personal representative in Nanking, General Chang Ts Kiang, and the Civil Administrator of Kansu, General Niu Yung Chien, both of whom are Christians, they say, recently brought a resolution before the Nationalist Government whereby all slogans in opposition to religion should be abolished. In reply, the secretariat of the Central Executive Committee wrote the following letter:—

"Apropos of your resolution for the enforcement of religious freedom and the abolition of all slogans opposing Christianity and other religions, the Nationalist Government, at the request of Dr. C. C. Wu, already has enforced a law for the protection of religious organisations. This order has been made public and the people have been warned not to 'couple Christianity with imperialism.' Christianity is one thing and the boycott of certain foreigners is another; it is one thing to discuss Christianity and another that of foreign aggression."

The writers state that this applies equally to the Buddhist religion, which should receive the same protection as Christianity and other religions. After discoursing upon the Buddhist religion, they request the Marshal to exert his efforts in restoring the properties of the Buddhists and in giving them full protection in future.

A similar telegram was sent to the Nanking Government, requesting them to instruct Marshal Feng to restore the properties and to cancel his orders for their confiscation.

STAR FERRY COXSAIN FINED.

WRONGFUL USE OF THE SYREN.

On a charge of using the syren for purposes other than navigation, the Chinese coxswain of the Star Ferry launch *Golden Star* appeared before Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning. Defendant denied the charge.

Sergeant Goldsmith stated that he was on a police launch on March 11th when the *Golden Star* blew a long blast, when about 150 yards from the Kowloon pier. Half a minute later another long blast was given and subsequently two more at an interval of five seconds. Witness said that being a Sunday there was little traffic in the harbour and there was no obstruction in sight. A small yacht was passing ahead of the *Northern Star* which was then at the pier. It appeared to witness that the syren was sounded as a signal to the ferry boat lying alongside the pier. A coxswain of the police launch corroborated this evidence.

Defendant stated that he used his whistle as a warning to a yacht which was near the pier. In fineing the defendant \$5, his Worship pointed out that the sounding of whistles and syrens was governed by the International Collision Regulations. A "warning" was not correct, unless it complied with those regulations as to an alteration of course.

NANKING GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES \$6,000,000 AS MILITARY EXPENSES.

CONTINUED LULL IN NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.
OPPOSING VANGUARDS NOT YET IN CONTACT.

MARSHAL CHIANG TO ENTERTAIN CHINESE
PRESSMEN.

NATIONALISTS SEEK TO SETTLE "OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS" WITH JAPAN.

The vernacular Press reports that the Nationalist Government estimate the Northern Expedition expenses of the Southern Army (presumably those immediately under their control) at \$6,000,000. The Nationalist Foreign Minister (Mr. Huang Fu) has approached the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai with a view to discussion with Japan of "all outstanding questions" in which China and Japan are concerned.

That there is still a lull in the Northern campaign continues to be evident, and it is reported that the opposing vanguards have not yet come into contact.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, on the eve of his departure for the front, has invited Chinese pressmen to an entertainment on which occasion he intends to address them "on an important subject."

CHINA AND JAPAN'S "OUT- STANDING QUESTIONS."

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 16th.

Mr. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, has approached the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai for the purpose of arranging negotiations with Japan to settle all outstanding questions in which Chinese and Japanese are involved.

MARSHAL CHIANG TO ENTERTAIN PRESSMEN.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 16th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is still at Nanking. He has sent an invitation to Chinese pressmen to an entertainment at Nanking to-day for the purpose of addressing them on an important matter regarding the Northern expedition before he leaves for the front.

CHIANG'S MOVEMENTS UNKNOWN.

ANHWEI OPPOSES NANKING.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

March 15th.

Several interesting news items from the Yangtze Valley were received here, through Naval Wireless, yesterday. The message states that there is a feeling of hostility between Nanking and Anhwei. In Wuhu there is no anti-foreign feeling.

French Priest Escapes.

From Kiukiang came the report that Father Haulheim, the Catholic priest who was captured by brigands on March 10th, near Fukow, had managed to escape and is now safe in Kiukiang.

Martial Law in Wuchang.

Wuchang, opposite to Hankow, is under strict martial law.

At Fukow.

From Fukow, opposite Nanking, came the report that troop movements are taking place. In a previous day's message it was stated that troops from Nanking were on the move, and that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek had made Hmichowfu his headquarters while directing operations on the Northern front.

Troop Movement at Nanking.

There is a great deal of military activity at Nanking. It is reported that the 37th Army has left for the front, and that the Headquarters Staff was to leave for the front yesterday (March 15th).

One very puzzling fact, states the message, is that in Nanking no one seems to be aware of the movements of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

The situation, apart from troop movements, is quiet at Nanking. There is no anti-foreign feeling, but among the Chinese themselves, it is felt that Anhwei is opposed to Nanking.

"Ironclad" Fasting Wish.

The "Ironclad" are expected to pass through Wuhu on their way to the Southern front. The situation is generally quiet. No anti-foreign feeling is shown by the people.

CHINA'S POSTAL AGREEMENT.

PROVISIONS OF TEXT.

NEW OFFICIALS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 16th.

The text of the Postal Agreement, just published, provides for the establishment of Directories for the North and South, each with a director-general, co-director-general, and a deputy director-general.

At present the co-director, in the North will concurrently act as co-director in the South where he will have a representative.

Future co-director-generals will be appointed by both directorates.

For the time being the organization of the Postal Service in the North will remain unchanged while the South will temporarily establish General Affairs Audit Department, and all routine affairs will continue to be carried on by the Northern Directorate, but the Southern will have the right to check such matters.

The existing rules with regard to staff and executive work and business transactions (vide Postal Compendium) will remain unchanged except where these conflict with the provisions of this agreement.

Budgets governing the ordinary capital and special expenditure will be jointly examined and passed by both Directorates.

All funds will be deposited with the banks in the name of the Administration and will be controlled by the co-director general.

The annual working surplus will be deposited in separate banks and will not be appropriated without the consent of both Directorates.

The Directorates shall, wherever possible, use the Chinese language for official correspondence, which will be effective only if signed by the director-general, co-director and deputy director.

Contracts and agreements with other institutions will be effective only if drawn up after consultation by both Directorates and signed by both.

Staff movements and employees receiving more than \$150 monthly must be agreed to by both Directorates.

PEACE OF THE WORLD.

MR. KELLOGG AND TREATIES.

"THE ABOLITION OF WAR."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 15th.

The United States peace maneuvers were commented on by Mr. Frank B. Kellogg speaking at a dinner of the Council of Foreign Relations to-night.

While vigorously advocating an unqualified multilateral anti-war treaty, Mr. Kellogg emphasized that the American Government would not become a party to any agreement which directly or indirectly, expressly or inexpressly was a military alliance.

Neither could the United States, he said, pledge itself in advance to use armed forces against other nations.

Mr. Kellogg does not believe that the peace of the world or of Europe can be assured by military alliance treaties.

France's Fear.

He hoped that France, which had admitted she could perceive no bar to the conclusion of an unqualified anti-war treaty with the United States alone, would be able to satisfy herself that an equivalent treaty among the principal world powers would be equally consistent with membership of the League of Nations.

Mr. Kellogg pointed out that of the 21 American States represented at the recent Havana Conference, which passed a resolution unqualifiedly condemning war as an instrument of national policy, seventeen were members of the League of Nations.

He agreed with Sir Austen Chamberlain in opposing an attempt to define the meaning of aggressor.

Mr. Kellogg concluded by expressing the opinion that the world was making great strides towards the abolition of war as an institution.

He would always support and advocate the conclusion of appropriate treaties for arbitration, conciliation and the renunciation of war.

NO NEWS OF ATLANTIC FLIERS.

LORD AND LADY INCHCAPE'S
ANXIETY.

VAIN APPEAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 15th.

There is still no news of Captain Hinchcliffe and the Hon. Miss Elsie Mackay, the daughter of Viscount Inchcape, who left Cranwell aerodrome early on Tuesday to fly to America.

Various reports of their aeroplane having been seen or having landed in America have proved unfounded.

The only chances of their safety now entertained are that they may have been forced down in the sea and have been picked up by a vessel without wireless, or that they have landed in a remote spot on the American continent.

Vain Appeal.

There is still no news of Hinchcliffe.

Cairo, March 16th.

When the news leaked out that the Hon. Elsie Mackay was contemplating a flight, Lord Inchcape, who is staying at Helouan with Lady Inchcape, urgently appealed to her to refrain. He was profoundly affected when he learned that she had started.

The news has been kept from his wife owing to the state of her health. Lord Inchcape is torn with anxiety, as he is obliged to keep up a courageous men before Lady Inchcape.

THE RUBBER QUESTION.

PREMIER REFUSES DEPUTATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 15th.

Asked in the House of Commons to-day if he would receive a deputation of rubber growers representing rubber plantations whose property has depreciated in consequence of the announcement of the Government enquiry into the operation of the Stevenson Scheme, Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied in the negative.

He pointed out to the enquirer that the whole question was now under review.

ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT.

FRENCH AIRMEN SAIL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15th.

The French airmen, Costes and Lebrun, have sailed for Tokyo to resume their flight around the world.

FIRST AEROPLANE FLIGHT. CREDIT AWARDED TO WRIGHT BROTHERS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 16th.

The Smithsonian Institution to-day accorded to the Wright brothers the credit of making the first successful flight in a power-propelled heavier than air machine carrying a man.

ECHO OF TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.

SENATOR BORAH'S SUGGESTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 16th.

Senator Borah announced that there was an endeavour to raise a Republican Party fund with which to repay the \$160,000 contributed by Harry Sinclair to the party funds in 1922.

WAR DEBT PAYMENTS. INSTALLMENTS FROM FRANCE AND ITALY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rome, March 15th.

The Italian Government to-day duly paid to the British Government the sum of £2,000,000 being the fifth instalment payable under the war debt funding agreement.

The French Government have also paid the sum of £2,000,000 as the fourth payment on account of the French war debt.

BRITISH BUDGET DAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 15th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin announced that the Budget would be introduced on April 24th.

DOMINIONS AND THE EMPIRE.

GENERAL SMUTS ON
NEUTRALITY.

SOUTH AFRICAN ASSEMBLY
DISCUSSION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

CAPE TOWN, March 15th.

"We are not free individual States but free members of an associated Empire," said General Smuts in the South African Assembly to-day when the debate was resumed on the motion to ratify the report of the Imperial Conference.

General Smuts spoke at considerable length in developing views opposing General Hertzog's opinion regarding the Dominions' right of neutrality.

He intimated that the Opposition would vote in favour of the report, and said the Empire meant security for all the members, but if all asserted their right to neutrality, what would remain of security?

"They would all have to build armies and navies in the nature of protection against possible future troubles. They were not free individual States. If it was a matter of major concern for the Empire, he hoped and anticipated that the Dominions would always do what they did in 1914."

It would be practically impossible for any Dominion to declare its neutrality in a war in which Britain was involved and vice versa as Empire, not built on neutrality would not endure thereon, but on the common loyalty of the members.

General Smuts urged that the question should be left for the consideration and judgment of the Imperial Conference.

STOCK EXCHANGE EXCITEMENT.

THE CABLE MARCONI FUSION.

BOARD'S CONSTITUTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 15th.

Excited dealings in wireless and cable shares occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day following the announcement of a possible fusion.

The market was almost impenetrable owing to the huge throng of brokers. The Eastern Extension shares increased in market value by £20,000 in the space of a few minutes, jumping by 1½ to 16½.

Five millions of their £7,000,000 capital consists of ordinary stock and there was considerable speculation and large transactions.

Marconi's Unaltered.

Marconi's shares, which are nominally ten shillings, remained comparatively steady round about 70, the figure at which the stock closed yesterday, and which is indicative of the confidence that the terms of the fusion will prove acceptable to Marconi shareholders.

The proposals for the fusion of the interests of the Eastern Telegraphs and Marconi's contemplate the formation of a holding company with a capital of £23,700,000 in three classes, Pound, Preference and Ordinary shares, of which the companies will hold varying proportions, but an aggregate of £28,350,000 will be allocated to the Eastern Extension and £17,350,000 to Marconi's.

The New Board.

Cables will have a 56.25 voting strength against Marconi's 43.75 per cent.

The new company will acquire (a) from Marconi's the whole of its capital which will be satisfied from the foregoing consideration and (b) the whole of the Cable Company's ordinary shares, leaving the Preference and Debentures undisturbed.

The Board of Directors of the new Company will consist of twelve gentlemen nominated by the Eastern Extension and associated companies, and eight nominated by Marconi's.

White Slave Traffic.

INVESTIGATION BY LEAGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, March 15th.

The League of Nations Committee which is concerned itself with the traffic in women and children has adopted a resolution proposed by Great Britain, expressing the hope that countries retaining the licensed house system would investigate the question in the light of the expert report.

The Committee recognises that where the system has been in vogue for many years, the question of its abandonment must be supported by public opinion, and it therefore suggests that steps be taken to act upon public opinion in the light of the expert report.

Germany has replied to the arrest of the German engineer, Donatz, in the coal-basin, recently by rupturing the commercial negotiations which have been proceeding for the past three weeks.

A communique has been issued by the Government stating that it has demanded from the Soviet an explanation regarding the arrests, including the definite accusations and proofs. The Government has also requested that permission be accorded to the German Consul at Charkow to visit the prisoners.

H.M.S. "ROYAL OAK" INCIDENT AT MALTA.

STATEMENT BY "FIRST LORD" IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

ADMIRALTY ISSUE COMMUNIQUE.

Further details are to hand regarding a very unusual incident at Malta, as the result of which a Court of Inquiry has been held by the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Station and three senior officers have been suspended. The First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. W. O. Bridgeman) made a statement in the House of Commons, which was followed by an Admiralty communique.

London, March 16th.

Interest was excited on the conclusion of the debate on the Navy Estimates in the House of Commons last night, when Commander Bellairs (Conservative) invited an official statement regarding a telegram which he believed would be published in to-day's newspapers to the effect that the Captain and some of the officers of the battleship *Royal Oak* had refused to sail under the Admiral, and had been court-martialled and carried as passengers to Gibraltar.

Commander Bellairs requested the Government to state the actual facts at the earliest opportunity.

Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Headlam, Under Secretary for the Admiralty, replied that he had not received sufficient information to enable him to answer the question or make a statement at present.

The morning newspapers to-day print an unofficial telegram from Malta stating that the 1st Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet, which was due to sail to Gibraltar on the 11th instant, was delayed until the following day, when the *Royal Oak's* flag was seen to be hauled down, which ceremony is usually performed when the Captain relinquishes command.

The telegram adds that the Battle Squadron sailed with Captain Osborne, of the gunboat *Egmont*, in command of the *Royal Oak*.

Lack Of Information.

The only information vouchsafed by the Naval authorities with regard to H.M.S. *Royal Oak* is that Rear-Admiral Collard had hauled down his flag at his own request.

It is known, however, that Capt. Dewar and Commander Daniel, of the *Royal Oak* left for England on the 11th inst., while Rear-Admiral Collard is at present at Malta.

Undoubtedly there is a strong service reason for this, but the authorities refuse to divulge it. There has been no court-martial so far, and it is untrue that Capt. Dewar and Comdr. Daniel were carried to Gibraltar as passengers.

Admiralty Communique.

An Admiralty communique states: "A court of enquiry was held at Malta by order of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Station to investigate certain disciplinary matters in which Rear-Admiral Collard, Captain Dewar and Commander Daniel were involved. As a result of the enquiry the three officers concerned were suspended duty by the Commander-in-Chief, whose report has not yet been received by the Admiralty. Since the First Lord made a statement in the House of Commons to-day he had ascertained that Rear-Admiral Collard's flag had not been transferred to another ship, as he had inferred from an earlier telegram, but had been struck and that Rear-Admiral Collard was still at Malta. It is hoped that the Press will not prejudge this matter but await the Admiralty's statement of the case."

EX-KAISER'S FAMILY.

EXPULSION OF BROTHER IN
LAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, March 15th.

The ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, the Russian, Zubkoff, an ex-bottle-washer, aged 28, who married the Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, aged 63, in November last year, has been expelled from the country as a man "without nationality or occupation."

Zubkoff has, it is stated, repeatedly failed to renew his residence permit.

The Princess, who lost her nationality by her marriage, is not included in the expulsion and remains at Bonn.

Zubkoff was recently fined for failing to renew his permit. It seems that he has left Germany already and may possibly have gone to the Congo, where he is said to have relatives.

CAVALRY TO GO. ARMOURD CARS IN PLACE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

London, March 15th.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the Secretary for War, stated in Parliament that the cavalry regiments which are to be converted into armoured car regiments are the Eleventh Hussars at Aldershot and the Twelfth Royal Lancers in Egypt.

SHARP GERMAN ACTION. SEQUEL TO SOVIET ARRESTS.

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THE BOAT RACE.

CAMBRIDGE PLEASE THE
CRITICS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, March 16th.

Cambridge, greatly pleased the critics with their full course trial from Mortlake to Putney this morning against a light breeze on the greater part of the journey. There was very little time to waste. Their time was 20 mins. 51 secs.

WEEK-END SPORT.

RACING, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, YACHTING, &c.

The leading sporting event to-day is the Second Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley. Rapier's selections appear in another column. Also of interest to riding circles is the Fanning Hunt meet at Wen Ha at 8.30 to-morrow.

Though the cricket season is nearing its close there are some interesting matches, including those in which four of the Colony's leading clubs are engaged—Kowloon XI v. Craigie and the Club v. the R.G.A.

The football programme is especially interesting. Details of the lengthy fixture list and prospects of the teams are all given in another column. Most of the leading teams are engaged and those old rivals China Athletic and the K.O.S.B. again try conclusions.

The yachting events are the Tai Yai Cup (racing yachts) and a Managerie Race this afternoon, while to-morrow is that popular fixture Club v. Ladies.

The Golf courses will be full as usual, provided the weather holds. Sunday's starting times at Fanning are given elsewhere.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI v. R.G.A.

At the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground to-day at 2 p.m.

H.K.C.C.—A. W. Hayward, H. V. Parker, H. O. Hughes, F. M. Spence, G. F. H. Hancock, J. R. Collis, F. L. Thomson, G. D. Mead, W. Brackenridge and A. N. Othman.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. CLUB DE RECREIO.

At King's Park ground to-day at 2 p.m.

H.K.C.C.—S. J. Jordan, L. A. R. Dunne, E. R. West, C. Rankin, J. E. Hancock, J. R. Collis, F. L. Thomson, G. D. Mead, W. Brackenridge and A. N. Othman.

YACHTING.

Members who are not taking part in the "Tai Yai" Cup Races are informed that a Managerie Race will be held to-day. Preparatory gun 2.40 p.m. Start 2.45.

INTERPORT BILLIARDS.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES.

The matches arranged in the forthcoming billiard contest between the Portuguese communities of Hong Kong and Shanghai are as follows:

Monday—J. Medina v. L. A. A. Osmund.
Tuesday—A. A. Silva v. C. F. Vas.

Wednesday—A. A. Silva v. R. F. Luz and L. B. Barrera v. F. M. Cruz.
Thursday—F. A. Alvarez v. H. da Luz.

Friday—G. M. P. Remedios (captain) v. A. J. Osmund (captain).

The name of the Shanghai player is given first in each instance. All matches start at 8 p.m., except that on Wednesday which is at 9 p.m.

A special exhibition match has also been arranged between Mr. E. Bush and Mr. A. J. Osmund for Tuesday, at 9.15 p.m.

Mr. Bush is an attractive player to watch, being a good exponent of the "all round" game, and his play is well adapted to an exhibition match. He was once runner-up in the Shanghai Billiards Championship, and his match with Osmund should be well worth watching.

All the above games will be held at the Club Lusitano.

In the final matches last week Mr. H. da Luz (Hong Kong's No. 2) made a break of 120, and C. F. Vas made 118.

The Shanghai team used the table last night, and impressed favourably.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

TEAMS AND PROSPECTS.

The following games are down for decision to-day:

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.
Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong F.C. King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Barber.
China Athletic v. K.O.S.B.'s. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Barber.
Hong Kong Police v. Queen's Regt. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C.
Kowloon F.C. v. R.A. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: S. Sgt. Gilbert.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.
R.A. Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves. Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.
Club de Recreio Reserves v. K.O.S.B.'s Reserves. King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.

The following games are down for decision on Wednesday next:

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.45 p.m.
China Athletic v. South China. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Baldwin.
Club de Recreio v. Kowloon F.C. King's Park ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C.
Scotts Guards v. Queen's Regt. Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

The series of games in the senior League should be keenly contested. That on the H.K.F.C. ground will be the chief attraction.

The China Athletic receive the K.O.S.B.'s and this game will draw the crowd. The K.O.S.B.'s have lost to the Athletic in a League game, but beat them in the Shield re-play. To-day's game will be the rubber and although the Athletic have the better league record, the K.O.S.B.'s expect to get home. A win for the Borderers will strengthen their position as runners-up. They have won their last two league games.

At King's Park, last season's champions receive the H.K.F.C. The game should be keenly contested with the home team winning.

On the Railway ground, Kowloon F.C. receive the Gunners. This game should be keenly contested as the Gunners are badly in need of the points if they are to be in the running for league honours. Kowloon at full strength should take the points.

On the Happy Valley ground, the Police play the Queen's Regiment. The Police will probably be below strength as they have no further interest in the league. Still they may take it as a practice game in view of their meeting with Kowloon in the Shield final. The game will probably end in favour of the Queen's.

At King's Park, the Recreio and K.O.S.B.'s Reserves meet and the K.O.S.B.'s expect an easy win.

On the Railway ground, the Kowloon F.C. and R.A. Reserves meet. The home team should win.

H.K.F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELDS: FINALS.

The following matches are down for decision on Saturday, April 27th:

Seniors.
Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong Police. on Hong Kong F.C. ground, at 4.30 p.m.

Juniors.
St. Joseph's v. China Athletic. Bes. on the H.K.F.C. ground, at 2.30 p.m.

LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION.

The following are the arrangements for the Lai Wah Cup Competition. All games to be played on the H.K.F.C. ground, by kind permission:

First Round.
Royal Navy v. Civilian (holders), on March 24th, at 4.30 p.m.
China v. Army, on April 6th, at 4.30 p.m.
Final to be played on April 9th at 4.30 p.m.

CHARITY GAME.

Army v. Rest of the Colony, at Sookunpoo ground, on Saturday, March 31st, at 4.30 p.m.

NAVY COMBINED v. SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

The Sacred Heart College past and present pupils will play the Navy Combined on the H.K.F.C. ground to-morrow at 3 p.m.
Sacred Heart:—Pau Ka Ping; Li Tin Sang and Wong Shiu Woo; Leong Wing Chiu, Leong Wing Tak and K. Y. Yung; Tai Tung Chai, Ip Pak Wa, Fung King Cheong, Suen Kam Shun and Lau Mau. (Continued on next column.)

LAWN TENNIS.

JAPANESE SUCCESSES AND FAILURE.

LEAGUE MEETING DATE.

Akiyama—the giant of the Japanese contingent and partner of T. Honda in the Open Doubles—won his first match this season in the Open Single Championship of the Colony by defeating Luk Ding Cheung, a young Chinese aspirant, in straight sets yesterday. He employed his chief asset—a powerful forehand top spin drive—in attacking his opponent, besides playing a forceful all round game. He met with stiff opposition, however, in the first set in which reached 5-3 against the Japanese when a few errors in courtcraft on the part of the Chinese enabled Akiyama to score a few aces against his opponent who lost some valuable points. Five all was called and from this stage Akiyama controlled the game. In the second set Luk Ding Cheung kept close to Akiyama, but at 4-all he failed to withstand the Japanese onslaught and lost the next two games and the set. The strain of the match told on the Chinese who was visibly tiring. Akiyama still keeping up the offensive beat his opponent comfortably in the third set. The final score in his favour was 7-5, 6-4, 6-3. Akiyama now meets Ng Sze Kwong in the third round.

Major Stevenson, the strongest military contender for the Singles title, defeated Major C. Willson as generally expected. The winner is maintaining good form and it will be interesting to see how he will shape against stronger players in later rounds. Yesterday he won in straight sets and thus qualified to meet the Very Rev. A. Swann in the third round.

One of the closest struggles so far was seen yesterday between J. M. da Silva, the Portuguese champion, and E. D. Lawrence and although the match lasted nearly two hours failing light prevented a decision being reached. At the end the score stood at two sets all. It will be replayed next Friday. Play was lively throughout. The final scores were 6-2, 3-6, 10-8, 3-6, reading from Silva.

Open Doubles.

In the only match in the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony, I. M. A. Razack and J. A. Cassumbhoy acquitted themselves with credit by beating T. Ema and N. Inagaki in straight sets. The winners succeeded chiefly by motive enterprise. Cassumbhoy was responsible for some brilliant play and Ema also helped his side very much while Inagaki snatched very well. The Japanese played steadily, but found the Indian lads a trifle too good.

The tournament will be continued on Monday.

Open Singles.

T. Akiyama beat Luk Ding Cheung, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.
Major W. B. Stevenson beat Major C. Willson, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3.

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Club Singles.

G. C. Grove beat H. Owen Hughes, 6-2, 6-0, 6-4.
J. G. Lawrie beat G. F. H. Richard, 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B."

H. V. Parker (rec. 15) beat J. M. Norris (rec. 15) 6-4, 6-2.

LEAGUE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association has been fixed for Monday, the 20th inst., at the Hong Kong Cricket Club Pavilion at 8 p.m. Mr. D. S. Green, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, will present the report and accounts for the past year.

Navy:—Tomkins (Term): Willis (Cumberland) and Baker (capt.) (Titania); Archer (Tamar), Shiner (Cumberland) and Newton (Sterling); Jones (Peters), Kernick (Titania), Northey (Ambrase), Leonard (Carisile), and Cobb (Cumberland).

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KOWLOON 2nd XI v. ROYAL ARTILLERY 2nd XI.

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Kowloon:—Wood; Guest and Eastman; Roberts, Bliss and Dunnett; Pike, Clarke, Eirath, Costes and Blacklock. Reserve: East and Nicholls.

RACING NOTES.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

[Br RAPIER.]

I look forward to seeing some exciting finishes at Happy Valley this afternoon as most of the events—especially the handicaps—will be closely contested. The reason I have put down four places for some of the races is to provide for any of my selections not starting in the events chosen for them.

April Stakes.

1. Fair Eyes.
2. The Grouse.
3. Skipper.
4. Erstwhile.

Boa Vista Handicap: "B" Class.

1. Sunning.
2. Kom Tong Hall.
3. Bing Boy.
4. Grey Knight.

Boa Vista Handicap: "A" Class.

1. New Year's Eve.
2. Duke of Verona.
3. San Francisco.
4. Warrington.

First Aggregate Stakes.

1. Bengal.
2. Boxing Eve.
3. San Diego.

Boa Vista Handicap: "C" Class.

1. Barley Grass.
2. District Call.
3. Easter Day.
4. Bright Prospect.

D'Agular Plate.

1. Winsome Stag.
2. Coos Bay.
3. Boukka.

Kellett Handicap "B."

1. Festive Eve.
2. Dobbin.
3. Tarzan.
4. Pegasus.

Kellett Handicap "A."

1. Comrade.
2. Chermal.
3. Blackstone Hall.
4. U-Un II.

CLUB LUSITANO SWEEPS.

FIRST AGGREGATE STAKES.

The result of the drawing of the Second Extra Race Meeting Cash Sweep (Sweep transferred from First Extra Race Meeting Cash Sweep) on the 4th Race "First Aggregate Stakes" One Mile was drawn yesterday and resulted as follows:

Pony.

No. Ponies' Names. Ticket No.
1. Winsome Stag 27639
2. Boxing Eve 28793
3. New Year's Eve 10340
4. Bengal 27949

5. Little Sit Tang 3322
6. Chow Tze Lon 16873
7. Chermal 9333
8. Comrade 13462
9. Duke of Verona 21470
10. Warlordship 7636
11. San Diego 18896
12. San Francisco 28378

1st Prize \$12,970, 2nd Prize \$703, 3rd Prize \$1,850; other ponies entered \$225 each.
23,740 one dollar tickets were sold.

KELLETT HANDICAP "A" CLASS.

The result of the drawing of the Meeting Cash Sweep on the 4th Race "Kellett Handicap "A" Class," one and a quarter miles was as follows:

Pony. Ponies' Names. Ticket No.
1. Bengal 3663
2. Boxing Eve 1830
3. San Diego 1449
4. New Year's Eve 1832

5. Comrade 1968
6. Chermal 3193
7. Coos Bay 2947
8. Duke of Verona 3123
9. Blackstone Hall 1284
10. Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries) 2919
11. Little Sit Tang 2917
12. U-Un II 3177
13. Warrington 2907
14. Warlordship 2926
15. U-Un II 2933
16. King of the Plains 1232

1st Prize \$2,723, 2nd Prize \$773, 3rd Prize \$335; other ponies entered \$33 each.
541 ten dollar tickets were sold.

TRAGIC FRENCH DANCERS.

Simone Rosary, the French dancer who attempted suicide last month by throwing herself into the lake in Central Park—the temptation has assailed before those who sojourn long in New York—is a beautiful blonde whose contortions in "microscopic" costume proved sensational even for the Folies Bergere. In London they attracted the attention of the police, whose ban, however, was eventually removed when certain concessions were made.

She is a first-rate dancer, who need not have relied on such devices, as did Gaby Deslys, from Marseilles.

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GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

SUNDAY'S STARTING TIME AT FANLING.

0.24 n.m. B. P. MacMahon and F. G. Fowle.
0.23 W. K. Tait and H. A. Mills.

0.32 G. E. Ellams and C. B. Brown.
0.30 D. M. Goodall and A. W. Roberts.

0.40 C. B. Riggs and F. H. Crappell.
0.44 W. D. Fiddes Wilson and H. H. Lennox.

0.48 H. R. Sturt and W. A. Butterfield.
0.52 W. D. Brown and R. M. Finlayson.

0.50 A. E. Lissaman and J. Cameron.
10.00 J. H. Raikes and J. H. M. Andrew.

10.04 F. Cowherd and T. S. Whyte-Smith.
10.08 E. R. Hallifax and C. C. Moxon.

10.12 E. P. Streathfield and M. G. Mills.
10.16 E. C. Frederick and J. P. Lynch.

10.20 S. C. Feltham and C. J. Waddell.
10.24 J. H. Bottomley and W. C. Clark.

CHILDREN SHOCK GER-MANY.

DEPRAVED MODERN LIFE.

BEREAVED MOTHER'S BALL.

BERLIN, Feb. 14th.

All Germany is listening with almost frightened attention to the tale of youthful corruption and disordered family life which is being unfolded in a Berlin court during the trial of Paul Krantz, a schoolboy of 19, for killing two other lads.

It is not the fate of Krantz, against whom there is very little evidence, which interests the public, but the terrible picture of modern Prussian youth of its habits, its view of life, its contempt for old standards of our civilisation.

And those who know that the young people who figure in this trial are types, even if exaggerated types, of thousands of others, are beginning to ask whether the old restraints and old insistence on a high standard of conduct were not better than modern liberty.

Here we have schoolboys and schoolgirls, speaking in their evidence with the utmost coolness on questions which men and women of the world could hardly discuss without embarrassment. And what they said shows that on some points they do not know the difference between what was formerly called right and wrong.

A Girl's Psychology.

A German commentator complains that the judge did not understand the psychology of the 15-year-old daughter of parents in a good position, when he asked her whether she regarded something as immoral, because she obviously attached no significance to the words.

Even more startling than the evidence of the schoolboys and schoolgirls is the evidence of their parents. The father of Gunther, one of the boys whom Krantz is accused of killing, made it clear that he let his son do what he liked. The boy was allowed to stay away from school and no little care was taken of him that he was permitted to go off on a motor tour to Paris with a stranger.

What has shocked German opinion most is that the mother of the unhappy Gunther, whose death occurred only last June, has issued invitations for a children's fancy dress ball to be held after this terrible trial, in which her daughter has been the chief witness, and has made admissions which in former days would have made persons desire to efface themselves.

DISTRESS IN NEW YORK.

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SIR M. LAMPSON IN SHANGHAI.

ENTERTAINED BY CHINESE OFFICIALS.

TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ENGLAND AND CHINA.

SHANGHAI, March 14th.

"We want to trade peacefully with the British people and we want, all of us, to uphold the traditional friendship between China and Great Britain."—This was the keynote of an address delivered on Saturday night at the Chinese Naval Club, in Bubbling Well Road, by Gen. Chang Ting Fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, following a dinner which he and Mr. Quo Tai Chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, gave in honour of Sir Miles Lampson, H. M. Minister to China.

Mr. Quo's Greeting.

Mr. Quo Tai Chi said that one of the results of Sir Miles Lampson's visit would be the strengthening of the bonds of friendship which for so long had prevailed among the Chinese and the British. It was the wish of the Chinese people to express their deep appreciation at what Sir Miles had done in this respect, and of the attitude of the British Government and the British people towards the Nationalists, and the Chinese people.

The Mayor of Shanghai.

General Chang Ting Fan said: "China is at the present time in the throes of a revolution. She is fighting for freedom and equality. In these efforts, we are anxious to win the friendship of the world. Should we secure the friendship and the sympathy of the world, there remains no doubt in our mind with regard to our attempt to bring about a successful end of the revolution."

We Chinese want to trade in peace with the British people. We want to uphold the traditional friendship between China and Great Britain which has for so long existed. I am sure that our British friends will agree with us. We want to see closer relations. We want to see Sino-British trade prosper and improve and we will do whatever is within our power to further it.

Shanghai is the most important commercial centre of China and I think that it would be a happy idea if we renew our friendships here. Sir Miles, we drink to your health."

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COMPANY'S TROUBLES AND LOSS OF MONEY.

REORGANIZATION BY THE NATIONALISTS.

(By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY.)

The story of the intricate relationship between big business and politics is exemplified by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company which has now been taken over by the Ministry of Communications of the Nationalist Government. During the years of recent years, this Company has been suffering from a variety of troubles, damage to ships and loss of business so that it had practically become impossible to operate even the lucrative Yangtze runs. The losses to the Company have been considerable since the end of the Great War, during which some profits were earned. These losses have undoubtedly been due to old ships requiring an over-consumption of coal, small carrying capacity and low speed; to faulty management and, to an unwillingness to reorganize the company on the basis of modern shipping methods. But when almost the whole fleet of the Company had been turned into war transports without payment of any nature, the losses became so great as to make further operations precarious.

The Inevitable Politics.

One of the major problems always facing this Company has been its relationship to politics. The Company was organized in 1874 to trade between ports not open to foreign commerce, but it was hoped that it would ultimately take the place of the foreign vessels trading along the coast and up the rivers of China. It was given governmental support in the form of a shipping subsidy, more than one-third of the tribute rice sent to Peking being carried by its vessels. Chinese merchants subscribed liberally to its shares, particularly the Cantonese merchants in Hong Kong.

The suggestion had often been made that the Government should take over the China Merchants, but until the recent action by the Nationalist Government, the Company has always been able to find some way of keeping the Government out of the Company. But it seemed at all times necessary for the officials of the Company to hold the good-will of the rulers along the Yangtze, who might seize their ships, use them for transport without payment and in many ways molest them. It was this necessity for playing politics, which often involved the Company in the necessity of providing securities for various friends and relatives of great men, which really broke it down. The present unfortunate position of the Company, then, is not a matter of a few months or even a few years. There has been a steady decay over a long period, which was brought to a crisis by the recent wars in the Yangtze Valley.

A Valuable National Property.

The Nationalist Government, through the managing director it has appointed for the China Merchants, Mr. T. C. Chao, insists that it has not taken this line over, but is merely engaged in reorganizing a valuable national property which has become derelict.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that shares have been issued to the amount of Tls. 9,400,000, which is the present book capital of the Company. In addition to this, there are shares to the amount of Mex. \$5,400,000 which have been issued in the Surplus Profits Accumulation Company,

which is a subsidiary of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co.

The property of the Company must be valued somewhere in the neighbourhood of Tls. 40,000,000 against which there are mortgages and loans of only Tls. 13,000,000. Although it is admitted that there is a lack of working capital and that there must be replacements which will involve the expenditure of several millions, the Company is still solvent in spite of the bad years it has experienced. The problem facing the new management is to turn the Company into a profitable enterprise, to reduce the overhead losses, to end a system of paying dividends without profits and to minimize leakages in the operation of ships.

The Military Incubus.

The management of the Company has been reorganized into the following departments: General Office, Marine, Accounting, Treasury, Goods and Business. There are separate organizations to look after the Property and Insurance Departments. There used to be a subsidiary company called the Franco-Chinese Steamship Company which has been abolished and its one ship has been taken over. There is another subsidiary which operates launch lines between ports not available to the larger ships. This steam launch subsidiary owns 22 steam launches, which do a fairly good business. There is also a subsidiary dock company. The principal cause for leakage has been the use of ships by the military. The new management is accordingly negotiating with the General Headquarters of the Nationalist Army to get them to agree not to use the Company's ships without payment. Four Nationalist soldiers have been placed on each ship, playing in Nationalist territory, who are to inform their comrades in arms to buy tickets. Military interference has somewhat abated since the Government has taken over the line.

Comrades Rights.

Another cause for leakage has been the comrades system. Under this system relatives and friends of directors were appointed as comrades on ships. The comrades rarely, if ever, travelled with the ship; they rather sent assistants who had to make their money out of the trip. This pernicious system has been replaced by the appointment of a business manager for each ship, whose accounts are subject to constant audit and who is required to accompany his ship on each voyage. It is too early to state with certainty whether this system will bring about the improvements desired, but it is a step in the right direction for it was impossible to check the old comrades too closely without offending powerful directors and shareholders.

Of the old Board of Directors, only one has re-registered his shares in accordance with the orders of the Nationalist Government and he has been given office in the régime. Mr. T. C. Chao, who represents the interests of the descendants of the Viceroy Li Hung Chang, has become the Co-Managing Director of the Company. The managing Director is Mr. T. C. Chao and the Secretary is Mr. S. A. Chow.

In reply to a specific question, Mr. Chao stated that foreigners would continue to be employed by the Company—N. C. Daily News.

TO PLEASE THE MEN.

(By LADY KITTY VINCENT.)

Presumably women, as a sex, wish to attract men.

This being the case, I always wonder why we spend so much on our clothes. I am sure I could map out a wardrobe which would cost only a few pounds a year and yet enrapture the heart of any husband. I should begin with the good old black evening dress, which would be made of chiffon with many flowers and a waist, preferably outlined with a sash.

Of course there would be black shoes and stockings, and I almost think a wreath of rosettes round the head. This latter, in case you had been so misguided as to single.

If you had kept your long hair I should advise a "bum" in the shape of the neck. There would be no need to have more than the one evening dress, because as husbands always tell us: "If a thing suits you, why should you mind wearing it continually?" I wear the same evening clothes.

For the street you could have a blue serge coat and skirt, and once again black shoes and stockings. If you wanted to be specially fetching you would not wear a jumper, but a nice blouse such as our mothers wore, and this would provide the opportunity for another waist-belt. In summer time, something soft and fluffy (only be careful to have long sleeves) would meet the case; and with a blue sash, your triumph would be complete.

Now, just think how much we should save by wearing these clothes, such as the same time, what a success we should have with our friends.

But shall we do so? Oh, dear, no! We shall continue to buy what the dressmakers tell us is the right thing, and the men will continue to moan for black frocks and wads.

But I wonder if in the days of long ago, when warts were the fashion, men thought that their wives' clothes were perfect? I suspect that Adam's first grumble was about Eve's fig-leaf, and that the first grumble of the world was about Eve's dress which was his legitimate grievance.

CZAR'S WEALTH AND THE CLAIMANTS.

THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

A HOST OF IMPOSTERS.

(By Dr. EDUARD LUBOFF, A Leading Authority on Russia.)

"Your Majesty need have no fear of ever coming to suffer the pangs of poverty. Financially you are solvent itself. With one hand you could buy out the American multi-millionaires, Rockefeller and Morgan, and still have sufficient to talk business with Baron Rothschild."

It was in these somewhat flippant terms that the Imperial Treasurer in 1919 reported to Nicholas II. on his financial position. The jest displeased the Czar, but the statement was true. The Emperor was the richest man in the world; his estates in European and Asiatic Russia alone yielded enormous revenues, estimated by reliable authorities at £4,000,000 annually, while a further £2,000,000 was derived from other sources. It is difficult to estimate the capital value of this income because of the varying circumstances in which it was obtained.

The Romanoffs have always been acquisitive. Not only were they richly endowed with lands, mines, and forests, but they accumulated steadily, ever since the time of Peter the Great, marvellous collections of valuable jewels and objects d'art.

The Russian popular view was that the Imperial Family possessed the richest of the finest diamonds, and hushes of pearls, to say nothing of countless stores of rubies, emeralds, and sapphires. Much of this treasure came from confiscated Church property. To-day the bulk of both Crown and private jewels has been confiscated by the Bolsheviks, and some of them are in the Kremlin in what is known as the "Jewel Fund of the Soviet Republics."

In view of a possible claimant to the Czar's fortune, in the person of the mysterious invalid, who declares himself to be the Grand Duchess Anastasia, the Czar's youngest daughter, much interest is attached to the alleged deposits and investments of the Czar in foreign banks and commercial undertakings.

There are authorities who assert that all these moneys were withdrawn during the war, and there are others who state with equal vehemence that large sums are still outstanding to the credit of the Czar or his heirs. There is a certain amount of probability about the latter contention in view of the fact that withdrawal in war time would have been extremely difficult. But it is hard to estimate the value of these deposits, although the Bolsheviks in their early days, ignorantly confusing private and Government accounts, spoke of as much as £200,000,000.

In the meantime the legend of a fabulous fortune, together with the mysterious circumstances under which the Royal Family met its death, has attracted a number of pretenders. There are in Russia alone six would-be Czares and about a dozen would-be Czarowitchs, to say nothing of a number of "miraculously saved" Grand Duchesses. It is interesting to note that according to Soviet writers nearly every prison in Russia can boast of one or two of these pretenders, and that the peasants receive them as saints. They spare neither money nor food to make them comfortable in return for a promise of remembrance and for a blessing.

U.S. UNEMPLOYED.

REPORTS OF 4,000,000.

NEW YORK. America, which for years has enjoyed unexampled prosperity, is now suffering from an unemployment crisis that, according to reports, has made jobless more than 4,000,000 men.

Not since 1916 have matters been so bad. Hungry thousands of men form queues daily on the Bowery in New York. In Sunday's bitter wind they formed up outside the missions an hour before food was available, and when the distribution was finished hundreds were turned away unattended.

Many of these unfortunate are well-dressed and of quite a different type from the derelicts who habitually gather around the missions.

General Coxey, leader of Coxey's army, is taking an active interest in the welfare of the unemployed. He accuses the Government of trying to camouflage widespread unemployment and suffering by issuing reports on the country's marvellous prosperity. He declares that a recent tour from Minneapolis to Boston revealed that 25 per cent. of the factories in this area were idle.

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Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. (6019)

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ARRIVALS.

March 15th.
Tjisondari, Dutch str., 5,010 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Sourabaya and Muntok. The latter port she left on March 8th, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—J.C.J.L.

March 15th.
Cheong Shing, British str., 1,238 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

City of Durham, British str., 3,460 tons, Capt. H. Lloyd, from Iloilo, which port she left on March 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.

Foehling, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. A. Dockwrey, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Katjo Maru, Japanese str., 1,130 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Keelung via Amoy and Swatow, with 450 tons of general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kashmir, British str., 5,354 tons, Capt. R. Mallin, from R.N.B. from Shanghai, which port she left on March 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Norriken, Norwegian str., 1,770 tons, Capt. Jensen, from Singapore, which port she left on March 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A43.—Foo Nam S.S. Co.

Saarland, German str., 4,078 tons, Capt. Franz, from R.N.B. from Shanghai, which port she left on March 13th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Jensen & Co.

Sinking, British str., 1,916 tons, Capt. J. W. Tinson, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Teneriffe, Norwegian str., 3,498 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Singapore, which port she left on March 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—Thoresen & Co.

Tokushima Maru, Japanese str., 3,723 tons, Capt. M. Mishima, from Moji, which port she left on March 10th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Unter Main, Japanese str., 378 tons, Capt. S. Yoshinaga, from Keelung, lying at buoy No. C40.—M.B.K.

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NAVY AND MILITARY NEWS.

"HERMES" DUE HERE SHORTLY.
On her voyage to the China Station, after recommissioning, the aircraft-carrier *Hermes*, Captain Geoffrey Hopwood, C.B.E., visited Bangkok, from March 10th to 13th. The *Hermes* was at Colombo from February 19th to 22nd, and at Singapore from March 3rd to 6th. She is due at Hong Kong next Monday.

H.M.S. *Indefatigable*, Captain D. R. Le Motte, is expected at Devonport about the beginning of May, by which time three years will have expired since her present crew joined her at Chatham on April 15th, 1925. The *Indefatigable* will be recommissioned for duty in the Second Cruiser Squadron in the Mediterranean Fleet.

The Australian submarines *Odey* and *Otway* reached Gibraltar on February 12th, the first stage in their long voyage of nearly 13,000 miles from England to Australia. They will call at Singapore, Sumatra, Batavia, Keelung, and Thursday Island, when they go to Sydney, completing their voyage in fifty-four days' actual steaming. Being the first unescorted run by submarines between England and Australia, their trip is regarded as of more than ordinary importance.

Captain W. E. C. Tait, M.V.O., recently studying at the War College, has taken command of H.M.S. *Dragon*. He in 1922-24 was commander of the flagship *Hawkins* in China.

The cruiser *Concord*, Captain A. F. Pridham, of the Reserve Fleet, at the Nore, left on February 14th for China, with relief half-crews for gunboats and casual ratings for the Signal School at Portsmouth, in succession to the *Yarmouth*.

CLEARANCES.

March 14th.
Amenas, for Taku Bar.
Aki Maru, for Nagasaki.
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Cheng Lee, for Canton.
Haidie, for Saigon.
Rahmir, for Singapore.
Saarland, for Manila.
Sinking, for Shanghai.
Song Ho, for Hongkong.
Tak Hing, for Macao and Autau.
Teneriffe, for Shanghai.
Tjisondari, for Amoy.
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British women were the largest customers, but the Dutch women appear to cover their faces more heavily than their Anglo-Saxon sisters, for they purchased 100 tons which is far more per head than the British record.
The Won't-Come-Off Sort.
A well-known dealer here told me this afternoon that the earliest researches of German chemists are constantly devoted to the alchemy of the toilet-table. Great progress has been made in the permanence of lipstick, but up to the present none has been invented which can be guaranteed not to come off on table-napkins.
Gratitude should be felt for all this expenditure of German energy to provide 170 tons of beauty-aids for British women. But surely a candidate at the next election might interest the "flapper" constituent by adopting as a slogan: "British paint for British girls!"

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ORAKA via AMOI, SHAI MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 21st Mar., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Tue., 20th Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Fri., 23rd Mar., at 3 p.m.
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TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Satur., 17th Mar., at 6 p.m.

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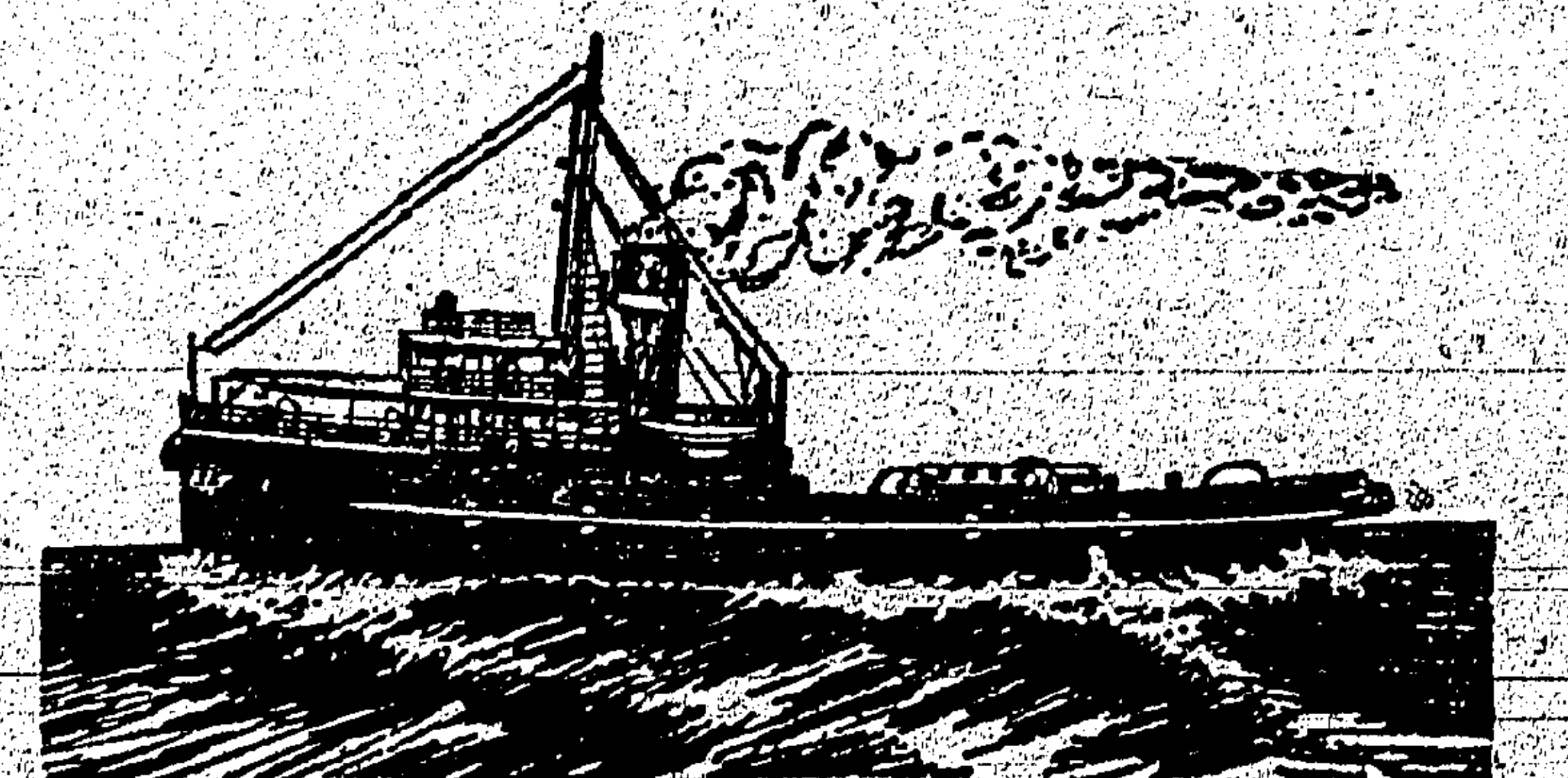
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